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**U.N. sessions begin**

**De Cuellar names aides**

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 5 (AP)—Javier Perez De Cuellar began his first working day as new U.N. Secretary-General Monday by announcing the appointments of a Tunisian and a Peruvian to be his top aides.

Perez De Cuellar, a 61-year-old former Peruvian diplomat who succeeded Kurt Waldheim as U.N. chief named Muhammad Essaafi, once Tunisia's U.N. ambassador, as chief of cabinet. Since September 1980, Essaafi, 51, had been Waldheim's special representative for humanitarian affairs in southeast Asia.

Emilio de Olivares, a 44-year-old lawyer and former Peruvian diplomat, was appointed Perez De Cuellar's executive assistant. He had been a U.N. executive officer under Waldheim.

In other appointments:  
—Francis Giuliani, 43, an Algerian-born

Frenchman who served under Waldheim, was retained as spokesman for the secretary-general.

—Giandomanico Picco, a 33-year-old Italian with political science degrees from the University of Padua and the University of California, was named first officer in Cuellar's executive office. Picco served under the Perez de Cuellar when the latter was Waldheim's special representative on Cyprus and later U.N. undersecretary-general for special political affairs.

—Rafeuddin Ahmad, 49, a Pakistani diplomat who was Waldheim's chief of cabinet, was named to succeed Essaafi as special representative of the secretary-general for humanitarian affairs in southeast Asia.

Perez De Cuellar arrived at his new office on the 38th floor of U.N. headquarters shortly after 10 a.m. (1500 GMT), after first stopping off at the U.N. meditation room off the public lobby. His first official meeting was with Kenneth Dazie, Ghanaian U.N. director-general for development and international economic cooperation.

Other meetings on Perez De Cuellar's first-day schedule included one with Soviet Ambassador Oleg A. Troyanovsky. Security Council president for January. The 15-nation council is expected to begin consultations Tuesday on possible further steps against Israel for its annexation of Syria's Golan Heights. Last month, the council adopted a unanimous resolution declaring the annexation illegal and null and void. Israel, meanwhile, has refused to rescind the annexation.

Over the weekend, Perez De Cuellar held a series of consultations with aides at his temporary residence in the Waldorf Tower.

**Debate resumes today**

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 5 (R)—The U.N. Security Council will meet Wednesday at 2030 GMT to resume debate on Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights, council sources said Tuesday after holding private consultations.

**Mitterrand postpones Israel trip**

PARIS, Jan. 5 (AFP)—French President Francois Mitterrand has postponed his planned trip to Israel next month because of its annexation of the Golan Heights, reliable sources said here Tuesday.

Mitterrand was to have visited Israel from Feb. 10 to 12. No new date for the trip was immediately set, but the president still plans to make the journey, the sources said. A French delegation was to have left Paris for Israel Wednesday to prepare for Mitterrand's visit but its departure was also postponed without a new date being set.

The sources said that the postponement of Mitterrand's visit was the result of Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights. France joined in the worldwide criticism of the move.

**Poland reported ready to send rebels to West**

PARIS, Jan. 5 (Agencies)—Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski offered to let interned Polish citizens emigrate to the West when he met the 10 European Economic Community ministers in Warsaw Monday, government sources here said Tuesday.

(A Dutch Foreign Ministry spokesman in The Hague backed up the report, saying that Gen. Jaruzelski had said he would not oppose moves by interned Poles to obtain political asylum in European countries.

(But in Bonn, reliable Western sources gave a totally contradictory account of the meeting, saying that "at no time" had Gen. Jaruzelski raised the possibility of EEC countries accepting interned leaders of the banned independent labor movement Solidarity.)

According to the Paris sources, Jaruzelski told the ambassadors during the one-and-a-half hour meeting that some detainees had been freed, but that the "Solidarity troublemakers" remained interned. The sources quoted Jaruzelski as saying that, "If certain countries wish to take in certain interned persons, we will allow them to leave."

At the conclusion of the meeting, the sources said, Belgium's ambassadors, speaking for all 10 envoys, read a statement calling for the release of all persons interned in

**EEC mulls ban on Soviet goods**

BRUSSELS, Jan. 5 (AP)—The 10-nation European Common Market is studying a plan to restrict imports from the Soviet Union to protest Soviet involvement in the Polish military crackdown, a U.S. Congressman said Tuesday.

Representative Thomas Lantos, Democrat-California, said senior Common Market commission leaders told him the restrictions, if imposed, would be part of a coordinated U.S.-European sanctions policy to bring about a relaxation of military rule in Poland. U.S. President Ronald Reagan last week announced a ban on export of high technology items to the Soviet Union. Lantos said in a telephone interview the Europeans feel they should examine "other types of actions that might be more productive."

"Soviet sales to Europe are now important. Restrictions could take a number of forms, — a less favorable tariff treatment or an outright ban," Lantos said the commission is studying the impact of such sanctions and that no timetable for decision had been set, but added: "There was strong consensus around the table we all have to move expeditiously."

He said, "European public opinion is way ahead of governments," in seeing a need for strong reaction to the Polish crackdown. "Governments are trying to catch up with that opinion," Lantos, chairman of a delegation of 14 Congressmen on a European fact-finding tour, said the group learned of the sanctions study during a meeting with Common Market external affairs commissioner Wilhelm Haferkamp and four other members of the 10-nation trade bloc's executive commission.

**Fahd, Boucetta talk**

RIYADH, Jan. 5 (SPA)—Crown Prince Fahd discussed the latest developments in the Middle East and the international situations Tuesday with Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta and Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klihi. Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, who attended the meeting, later held talks with Boucetta and Klihi on the same subjects.

In the evening, the crown prince received North Yemeni Foreign Minister Ali Lotfi Al-Thori, who was accompanied by Ali Al-Mehanni, Yemeni ambassador to the Kingdom. Thor arrived here Monday on a visit to the Kingdom.

Prince Fahd also welcomed the ulema and tribal chiefs, as is the royal custom every week.

Meanwhile, the Moroccan foreign minister told SPA that his visit was within the framework of consultations and exchange of views between the two brotherly countries. He added that he has brought a message from King Hassan II of Morocco for King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd.

Boucetta said that both he and the Arab League secretary general will discuss with Saudi Arabian officials the Arab situation and the possibility of resuming the deferred

Arab summit meeting. Asked whether there was a definite date for the convening of the summit, Boucetta said it would require some time to hold consultations with the Arab states, and added that the efforts now being exerted to clear the Arab atmosphere would realize the unity of Arab ranks.

He lauded the efforts of King Khaled and the crown prince in this direction, and said that this meeting was a starting point for the unification of Arab ranks.

On the restoration of Moroccan-Algerian relations, Boucetta expressed the hope that Arab rifts would be dissolved in the shortest possible time and in the best conditions, so that the Arabs are able to unify their ranks and confront challenges and the common enemy. Meanwhile, he said his country welcomed the restoration of normal ties between Saudi Arabia and Libya, and added that this would, indeed, serve the Arab interest and unify the Arabs before their common enemy.

Boucetta and Klihi arrived here from Jeddah early Tuesday within the context of their current visit to the Kingdom. They were met at the airport by Prince Saud, a representative of the Royal Protocol and several Foreign Ministry officials.

**Calls for one command**

**Libya OKs Syrian union**

BEIRUT, Jan. 5 (AP)—The People's General Congress, Libya's highest decision-making body, approved a four-point plan on Tuesday to speed up a projected union between Syria and Libya, the Libyan state radio reported.

The plan was announced on the eve of a scheduled debate by the U.N. Security Council of Israel's refusal to rescind its effective annexation of Syria's Golan Heights. It called for the establishment of a unified command for the armed forces of the two countries as well as a unified executive body made up of Libya's present General People's Committee (cabinet) and Syria's council of ministers, according to the broadcast.

The plan also proposed that parliaments of the two People's General Congress and Syria's People's Council convene in a "unified national congress" as part of the drive to speed up the union process. Col.

Qaddafi and Syrian President Hafez Assad signed an agreement to weld their two countries into a single state at once on Sept. 8, 1980. But translating the accord into reality has since been blocked by differences over the government system that will prevail in the unified state.

There was no immediate Syrian response to the new Libyan initiative, which stipulated that the "unified revolutionary leadership" of the two countries headed jointly by Assad and Qaddafi "begin action to push through all the necessary measures to realize the union immediately."

A unified Syrian-Libyan state would have a combined population of 12,275,000 with armed forces totaling 277,000 men equipped with 3,360 tanks and combat aircraft, according to the 1981-82 edition of the London-based International Institute of Strategic Studies report on military forces.

**Colombo arrives for talks**

RIYADH, Jan. 5 (SPA)—Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo arrived here Tuesday evening on a three-day official visit to Saudi Arabia.

He was met at the airport by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal; Salem Sunbul, Foreign Ministry's chief of protocol; Ambassador Mamoun Al-Qabbani, director of the European desk at the foreign ministry; Khaled Al-Nasser, the Kingdom's ambassador in Rome; Marcello Salimei, Italian ambassador to the Kingdom and several high-ranking civil and military officials.

In an arrival statement, Colombo said that he has come here to consult Prince Saud on all matters and issues. He said he will also discuss various aspects of cooperation and the reinforcement of bilateral relations.

The Italian foreign minister described his country's relations with the Kingdom as "excellent", and said that Italy is very much concerned about these ties. He stressed the importance of Saudi Arabia's role in international and Middle East policies and said he admired the part Saudi Arabia is playing for the realization of peace in the Middle East.

**Cuban units clash with S. Africans**

WINDHOEK, Jan. 5 (AFP)—Cuban units have clashed with South African troops in the "operational zone" between Namibia and Angola. Gen. Jan Lopper, commander-in-chief of security forces in Namibia (South-West Africa), said Tuesday.

The general said one Cuban was killed and another taken prisoner during a pursuit operation against fighters of the South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO). He did not specify when the clashes occurred.

Observers noted that this is the first time since the Angolan independence war which ended in 1975 that Cuban troops have clashed directly with the South Africans.

In the three major operations mounted by South African troops against SWAPO sanctuaries in Angola—in June 1980, August 1981 and November 1981—the South Africans never clashed with the Cubans. The Cubans have always kept behind the line north of the communiques of Benguela and Nova Lisboa.

But in the August operation, the South Africans captured a Soviet junior officer and killed four Soviet officers, two of whom were women, observers noted. Gen. Lopper, speaking at a news conference, said that the Cubans' presence "indicates once again the tendency of Russia and her surrogates to become involved in South Africa's and South-West Africa's struggle against SWAPO."

"South Africa in contrast is responsible for the safety of the inhabitants of South-West Africa and will use all the means at her disposal to protect innocent people against terror, murder and atrocities."

**Gulf, Soviet relations suggested**

KUWAIT, Jan. 5 (AP)—Soviet ambassador to Kuwait Nikolai Sikachov Tuesday expressed his country's desire to have "equitable relations with all Gulf states" and said Moscow rejected the setting up of the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force for intervening in the area.

"We reject the formation of the American RDF force because we believe the Gulf people should live aloof of all international confrontations," Sikachov said in an interview with the Daily Al-Anba.

"The size of any state, and its resources must not qualify it to impose its will on other states through threats of the use of forces," he added. Sikachov labelled "mass media lies" the U.S. citing of protection of oil wells as justification for its military presence in the Gulf.

He praised Kuwait's rejection of this argument and said Moscow looked forward to establishing equitable relations with all Gulf states. He was alluding to reported efforts to establish diplomatic relations with other countries in the Gulf. Kuwait is the only Gulf Cooperation Council member which maintains diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

Sikachov reiterated the Soviet Union's denunciation of Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights and said his country "supports

**As Allen resigns**

**Clark made security adviser to Reagan**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—U.S. National Security Adviser Richard V. Allen resigned on Monday, and President Ronald Reagan immediately replaced him with Deputy Secretary of State William P. Clark.

Reagan said he accepted the resignation "with deep regret" during a meeting with Allen, who left the White House without comment to reporters. Only hours earlier, Allen had said at his home he had no intention to resign.

The meeting followed Reagan's receipt of an internal White House report on Allen's conduct. The president, in a brief announcement relayed by his press office, said he had asked Allen to serve as a "consultant" in organizing a new foreign intelligence advisory board.

Allen replied in writing that he would be pleased to undertake that "interim task".

Clark arrived at the White House just moments after Allen departed, and discussed his new duties with reporters.

The president said in his statement, read by Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes, that Allen had been cleared of any wrongdoing by a study investigating the \$1,000 Allen received from a Japanese magazine, as well as three watches accepted from Japanese friends.

In an exchange of letters, Reagan told Allen that as he leaves his job he did so "with my confidence, trust and admiration for your personal integrity and your exemplary service to the nation."

"Over the past year, you have served our nation with great distinction as my assistant for national security affairs," Reagan said. "You have provided me with invaluable advice and counsel over the years of our association and I am grateful for your con-

stant loyalty and dedication."

Allen stated: "It has been a rare privilege and a high honor to serve in your administration, and before that in the years of your campaign for the presidency. You have created memories which will accompany me and my family forever, and your trust and confidence are a source of deep pride and satisfaction."

Clark, a former California Supreme Court justice, was Reagan's first chief of staff when Reagan was governor of California and is one of the most senior members of the president's inner circle.

But when he became Deputy Secretary of State, he had no experience in foreign policy, and was confirmed by the Senate only after a stormy confrontation with the Foreign Relations Committee.

Clark told reporters the president has "not changed his position" that Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig is his chief formulator and spokesman on foreign policy.

But Speakes said that the new national security adviser "will have a direct reporting relationship to the president," something Allen did not enjoy.

Allen generally communicated with the chief executive through Edwin Meese III, the president's counselor.

Speakes said that Clark "in his new role will be responsible for the development, coordination and implementation of national security policy, as approved by the president." He will also run the staff of the National Security Council.

Asked if he felt he were qualified for the new job, Clark said he would leave "that determination to the man who made the decision, the president of the United States."

Clark said he would retain his post as Deputy Secretary of State until a successor is named and "about to be confirmed."

The publicly released exchange of letters between Allen and Reagan offered no clue as to why Allen stepped down. But he repeatedly has expressed his desire to be returned to his duties from what he has said was a voluntary leave of absence.

Allen stepped aside in late November, while the Justice Department was investigating the cash and gift episodes as well as certain errors in his financial reports. The department cleared him Dec. 23 of any legal wrongdoing, but White House officials then disclosed they were conducting their own review.

Speakes' statement said that while Reagan was pleased that both probes found no



William Clark

wrongdoing, Reagan and Allen "agreed that in view of the controversy of recent weeks, it would be better for all concerned to make a change in responsibilities."

The White House probe was completed Sunday and a report was given to White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker III Sunday evening.

A summary of the report, prepared by deputy counsel Richard Hauer, found that: —Allen's failure to make sure that the \$1,000 he received was given to "the appropriate authorities" did not violate White House standards of conduct.

—The receipt of the watches, two of which were given before Reagan took office, did not violate standards of conduct for the transition. The receipt of one watch, "which may have been delivered to Allen after Jan. 20, 1981," when Reagan took office, "created, at the very worst, a potential appearance problem."

This problem "in retrospect would suggest that the more prudent although not required, course would have been not to accept the watch."

The sale of Allen's consulting firm, Potomac International Corp. for which Allen received deferred payments after taking office, was not a violation of federal law or executive orders because the sale price was fixed on Jan. 19, 1981.

—Allen's consultations with Potomac International clients during the transition did not violate the transition standards of conduct. "Although Allen continued to provide consulting services to many clients," during the transition, "he took no action as a member of the transition staff that benefited either his own financial interests or those of one of his clients."

—Allen's continued contacts with former clients after the inauguration, including luncheons at the White House Staff mess, were based on long friendship and were not "business" meetings.

The counsel's office agreed with a Justice Department finding that there was no evidence suggesting Allen made errors on his financial disclosure report on purpose.

**Bangladesh Army spurns council**

DACCA, Jan. 5 (AP)—Army Chief of Staff Lt. General H. M. Ershad said Monday the National Security Council formed by the government Friday "is not acceptable to us as it will not meet our demands and aspirations."

According to the daily *Bangla Bani*, the general said, "On behalf of the army, navy and air force, we have already informed our stand to the president." The ten-member National Security Council was constituted to replace the existing National Defense Council. The new council, headed by the president, includes the vice prime minister, the foreign minister, industries minister, finance minister, home minister, and the three service chiefs.

Asked what they wanted, Gen. Ershad said, "You will know in time," the newspaper reported. The paper's report said the armed forces chiefs did not like the inclusion on the committee of any of the civil ministers, not even the prime minister, the paper added.

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## Saudi ministers attend Bahrain education talks

MANAMA, Jan. 5 (SPA) — Two Saudi Arabian ministers arrived here as members of their country's delegation to a seminar on the problems of higher education and their relation to national development plans.

The ministers, Sheikh Hisham Nazer of planning and Dr. Ghazi Alghosaihi of industry and electricity, who were accompanied by other members of the delegation called on the Ruler, Sheikh Issa. The delegation included Dr. Farouk Akhdar, secretary general of the royal commission for Jubail and Yanbu and director of Jubail project; and Dr. Muhammad Al-Rasheed, director general of the Arab Gulf Educational Bureau.

### Majed to honor PLO

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 (SPA) — The Palestine Liberation Organization bureau in Jeddah will hold the 17th anniversary celebrations of the Palestinian revolution here Sunday under the auspices of Makkah Governor Prince Majed.

### Japanese seek helicopter sale

TOKYO, Jan. 5 (R) — A Japanese company said Tuesday it was negotiating with the Saudi Arabian government to sell 10 large helicopters for rescue operations and fire fighting.

Kawasaki Heavy Industries, which builds two-engine 30-seat helicopters under licence from the Boeing Corporation, said the contract would be worth more than 20 billion yen (\$90 million). It would involve the construction of helicopters and pilot training.

Nazer and Alghosaihi were received by Bahraini Development and Industry Minister Yusuf Al-Shirawi and Saudi Ambassador Abdul Rahman Al-Ghadi.

After attending the three-day seminar, the Saudi ministers will hold talks with Shirawi and other Bahraini officials on various aspects of cooperation between the two countries.

The seminar which opened Tuesday, is organized by the Arab Gulf educational bureau. Members of the Kingdom's delegation will deliver lectures at the seminar on the role of universities in this regard.

The seminar reviewed a working paper submitted by Sheikh Hisham Nazer on the strategy of development plans in the Gulf states. It dealt with the planning philosophy as an applied science, the problems of planning, the possibility of mapping a realistic strategy and the economic plans for the process of development in the Gulf. The paper further touched on the development strategy in the Kingdom, the various stages of the planning process and the strategies for their implementation.

The participants reviewed another working paper placed by Dr. Bakr Muhammad Bakr, vice-chancellor of the university of petroleum and minerals, on the role of the higher education institutions in the process of industrialization. The paper concentrated on the role of universities in supplying professional hands as well as administrative and technical personnel to run the industry effectively. It also dealt with the basic studies by the universities in determining the economic feasibility for the production of various commodities, in supplying administrative and technical data and in further burnishing the skilled hands.

## SABIC trains personnel on marketing skills

RIYADH, Jan. 5 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) currently is engaged in training Saudi Arabian nationals and sending them abroad for further studies in marketing administration in order to boost sales of its products, marketing department sources announced Tuesday.

The number of Saudi Arabian employees and trainees approached 2,000 by the end of 1981 compared to fewer than 700 in 1980. SABIC organizes training courses abroad for its national employees who first attend one year's sessions in local technical and administration institutes.

The trainees are sent in groups to the United States, Europe and the Far East for on-the-job training at the industries of SABIC's joint venture partners. The corporation gives such importance to qualifying national personnel that readiness to train its employees takes an important position in choosing its joint venture partners.

Meanwhile, an official spokesman for SABIC said Tuesday that the corporation presently imports high-density polyethylene (HDPE) and low-density polyethylene (LDPE) substances. It markets and distributes these substances to national plastic companies in the Eastern and Central regions, the spokesman said. Plastic industries in the Western Region will be included in the marketing and distribution channels by SABIC in the future, he added.

## Importers invited to leather show

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 — Saudi Arabian importers of leather goods have been invited to a leather show to be organized in Pakistan in February this year. The show will be specifically oriented towards the Middle East markets as part of Pakistan's bid to diversify export outlets for its leather goods.

In the Kingdom, Pakistani leather goods have made their debut about four years ago. Starting at a modest note of SR800,000, the



TRAINING: Nationals receiving on-the-job training at one of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation's projects.

goods have made a mark in the local market with their export earnings touching SR22.5 million during the last fiscal year which ended June 30, 1981.

The Pakistani leather goods producers, however, expect a further improvement in the performance of their products in the wake of efforts they are making to widen the range of their exports to the Kingdom.

At present, their major leather exports to the Kingdom comprise foot wear, travel goods and leather garments.

## SWCC governor inspects desalt plants on west coast

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 (SPA) — Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ghulailah, governor of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation, Monday inspected the corporation's project sites along the western coast.

He visited the site of Shuaiba desalination plant currently under study. The project will supply Makkah with large quantities of water and electric power. He also inspected Layth where he was shown the site of the town's eastern desalination plant. He discussed with the emir of Layth Sheikh Muhammad Al-Sheikh the area's water needs so as to take them into consideration when preparing the necessary studies for the project.

Sheikh Abdullah then went to Qunfudah where he was met by the emir Sheikh Abdullah Muhammad Al-Ibrahim and other notables. He attended a ceremony organized by the area's education department in which more than 2,000 students participated. He also attended a reception by local residents during which the town's mayor made a speech. He has underlined the importance

which the people of Qunfudah attach to the implementation of the desalting project. The mayor submitted a report on the municipality's efforts and the steps it has taken to choose and level the site in which the plant is to be built.

The SWCC governor then visited Bark town where he inspected the site of the desalination plant under construction. The plant, which will be ready by next summer, will have a production capacity of 500,000 gallons of drinking water to cover the requirements of Bark and neighboring areas. The project also includes a housing complex.

Ghulailah emphasized the importance which the state attaches to potable water projects in all areas. He said that studies are continuing for Layth and Qunfudah projects. The study of executive steps for the implementation of Layth project will be ordered within the coming few months. Meanwhile, studies on the Qunfudah project have been endorsed and a company has been commissioned to undertake it.

## Students to visit media centers

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 — The information section of Madinah's Islamic University is organizing visits for its students to information institutions in and outside Saudi Arabia, according to Ibrahim Imam, the head of the section.

Last Thursday, the section which was opened last month, took 43 students of 25 nationalities on a trip to Asia, Africa, Europe and the United States. Part of the goals of the program is to acquaint the students with advanced press and printing technology being used abroad, especially in England, France and the United States. The students will also be familiarized with up-to-date

radio, television and press hardware equipment.

The section is also at present envisaging the possibility of organizing seminars on Islamic information for journalists from Arab and Islamic countries, especially the teaching staff and students of press sections at Tunisian and Gulf universities, as well as Al-Azhar University of Egypt.

According to Dr. Ahmad Al-Ghamdi, the dean of the Islamic university's dawa faculty, the section is the nucleus of an Islamic information faculty that will accept Muslim students on a scholarship basis. It will also admit postgraduate students through education attaches of the Kingdom's embassies in the various countries.

## SIDF approves SR67m loans

RIYADH, Jan. 5 (SPA) — The board of the Saudi Industrial Development Fund Monday night approved six loans for industrial projects totaling SR67 million. It met under its president Sheikh Hamad Al-Sayari,

who is also the deputy governor of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA). The approved projects will produce pipes, iron bars, plastic items, filters, light drinks and other products.

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# Sino-Saudi body to meet

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — The sixth session of the Sino-Saudi Economic and Technical Cooperation Commission will open in Riyadh Saturday under joint chairmanship of Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail and Chinese Economics Minister William Chao.

## Chatti denies quitting rumors

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 — Habib Chatti, the secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), conveys in Cleveland, Ohio, from open-heart surgery, Tuesday denied press reports that he will resign his post due to health reasons.

The OIC general secretariat issued a statement saying that Chatti's health was improving steadily and that he will return soon to resume his normal activities.

Habib Chatti has been gradually resuming his day-to-day work for the past 15 days in Cleveland. He replied personally to heads of state and government who phoned him to wish him well. He is also conducting the OIC's work through the organization's office in New York and by direct contact with the Jeddah headquarters. Important documents are sent to him regularly.

Last Sunday, Chatti summoned to Cleveland his assistant for cultural and Islamic solidarity fund affairs Bakary Drame, for consultations about the eighth session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs which will be held in Tripoli, Libya, Jan. 16-19. He also reviewed with him the agenda of the 19th session of the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund due to be held here, Jan. 9-11, and he will be holding a press conference within the coming few days, the statement said.

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In addition to the meeting, Chao is also to call on ministers of industry and electricity, petroleum and minerals, commerce, agriculture and water, planning, communications, and chairman of the national center for science and technology.

Among the members of the Chinese delegation are Ambassador Hsueh Yu-chi, Chang Ming-Che, chairman of the national science council; and Vice Economics Minister Chang Hsueh-Shwen. It is Chao's first visit to the Kingdom since he was appointed economics minister last November. He visited here five years ago in his capacity as general manager of the state-run China Steel Corp.

The Sino-Saudi economic and technical committee was established in 1976 to oversee the rapidly growing cooperation between the two countries. Under its supervision, a number of joint projects including the \$350 million Jubail Fertilizer Co., are being carried out in the Kingdom, and hundreds of Chinese experts are working with the Saudi government in the agriculture, communications, electricity, and science and technology.

Cooperation between the two countries was first initiated in 1970 and was further strengthened four years later with the signing of an economic and technical accord for marine transportation, cultural, medical, scientific and agricultural cooperation.

Taiwan provides the Kingdom with assistance in fields of technology, expertise and training facilities. China is participating in the Kingdom's plan for improving railways and in carrying out agricultural, road and fishery projects. Oil remains Saudi Arabia's main export to China, while the Kingdom imports manufactured commodities such as clothes, machines, electrical equipment, plastic products, and foodstuffs.

## Turks, ATO to sign accord here

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 — A cooperation agreement between Turkish municipalities and the Arab Towns Organization (ATO) will be signed here Monday. A delegation of mayors, deputy mayors and representatives of related government departments in Turkey will arrive here Sunday.

Jeddah Municipality sources told Arab News that the agreement will cover cultural, social and economic cooperation between Turkish and Arab municipalities. It also will include exchange of experts and expertise. The agreement will be signed by Taleb Al-Tajer, ATO director general, and co-signed by Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi.

The sources said that agreements will be



CONCLUDES VISIT: Petroleum and Minerals Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani (L) talks with Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki in Tokyo Tuesday before his departure concluding a three-day visit. He conveyed a message from Crown Prince Fahd to Suzuki. Japan and the Kingdom are not only bound with oil, technological and commercial relations but they also agree on their policies at the international circles, Sheikh Yamani said. He also had met with Japan's International Trade and Industry Minister Shintaro Abe and Foreign Minister Yoshio Sakuruchi. The message delivered by Sheikh Yamani dealt with the reasons of postponing Prince Fahd's visit to Japan, according to press reports.

## Ibn Jiluwi opens book fair

DHAHRAN, Jan. 5 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi dedicated the University of Petroleum and Minerals third Arab book fair Tuesday. The fair is being held at the university's central library building.

Dr. Ruwaid Al-Aqqad, deans of the student affairs department, welcomed Prince Abdul Mohsen in a statement and explained the contents of the fair. He also thanked the participating publishing houses for reducing the prices of the books on display.

Prince Abdul Mohsen expressed his admiration on the standard of the fair after inspecting its displays. The fair, which lasts until Jan. 13, groups more than 35 local and Arab publishers who put more than 4,000 books on display. It will be open to visitors from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the evening.

The delegation will stay in Jeddah for three days during which it will be acquainted with the urban progress and modern cultural activities. In addition, the group will be briefed on the methods of preserving the Islamic tradition through modern architectural techniques.

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## Gulf health talks begin in Kuwait

KUWAIT, Jan. 5 (SPA) — The 12th session of the Health Ministerial Council of Arab Gulf States opened here Tuesday. Kuwait Health Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi inaugurated the meeting.

He highlighted the achievements of previous conferences of Gulf health ministers in his opening speech. He also said that the conference contributed toward promoting health services and coordinating efforts among authorities in charge of health in the member states.

The conference, which lasts until Thursday, will discuss several topics including the draft of a unified law for kidney operations and transplant. Talks also will cover treatment with X-rays, medical rehabilitation of the handicapped, several medicines, approving a joint cadre statute for physicians and medical technicians in the region, health planning and combating malaria.

## Swiss doctors to visit local hospital

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 — Two professors of a new school of orthopedic, bone, treatment are due to arrive here next week to perform operations at the New Jeddah Clinic.

The hospital director and owner Dr. Hamed Muttibagani told Arab News Tuesday that the two Swiss doctors use a new method of fixing fractured bones and previously incurable bone problems by the internal

repair of fractured bones with compression (osteosynthesis) without using plaster.

Prof. Hanz Willinger, president of AO international, Switzerland; and Prof. Reinhold Ganz, director of orthopedic university clinic, Beren; will be available at the hospital between Jan. 15 and 20. They will lecture fellow doctors at the Nova Park Hotel Jan. 17 and 18 and are scheduled to visit Riyadh hospitals and lecture doctors there, according to Dr. Muttibagani.

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Applications will be accepted between 0730 and 1630, Saturday through Wednesday. Applications must be received by 1630, 23 January 1982.



## Despite Soviet intervention

## 19 Afghan provinces gripped by fighting

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — More than two years after Soviet troops intervened in Afghanistan to help stamp out anti-government, anti-Marxist resistance, fighting continues in at least 19 of the Asian nation's 28 provinces, a report from Kabul says.

Some of the bloodiest fighting is in Parwan province north of Kabul where a recent Soviet-Afghan offensive has sent thousands of refugees fleeing to the capital, said the assessment from a source who has been accurate in the past.

The source estimated that about half of the 5,000 to 6,000 casualties the Soviets reportedly have suffered since they intervened have occurred in Parwan. One reason is that main supply route from the Soviet Union runs south through the province to Kabul, and some of the bitterest fighting has seen the Afghan freedom fighters trying to help themselves to supplies while the Soviets are determined to keep the highway open.

A recent development has seen the Soviets use tanks like bulldozers to flatten houses, temples, and everything else within 30 to 500 meters on both sides of the main highway between Charikar and Kabul, the source said. The idea is to remove the buildings from which freedom fighters hide to attack convoys with shoulder-fired rockets that have a range of about 200 meters.

Some 30 to 35 small villages — about half those in the district — have been destroyed along with an estimated 500 to 1,000 individual structures along the highway, the report said.

A similar tactic has been used along the highway running south from Kabul through Logar province to Gardez, the report said, adding that the drive to clear away structures from that road is nearly complete.

Meanwhile, the report said government

forces have gained slightly more control over the important provincial capital of Kandahar, also the scene of much fighting. Freedom fighters still hold sway in the city at night and still raid the big Soviet base outside the city, Afghanistan's second largest. About half the houses have suffered heavy damage from months of shelling, the greatest destruction in the old part of the city.

By contrast, Jalalabad, about 120 kilometers east of Kabul remains firmly in government hands — the showplace where visitors are taken to view a "safe" city, the report said.

In both Kabul and the strategic city of Mazari-Sharif, about 60 kilometers south of the Soviet border, urban fighters have killed a number of leading members of the ruling Marxist party recently, the report said. It gave no figures, but said that in Kabul, the shooting starts immediately after dark and that it is not safe to be outdoors after 6 p.m., four hours before the nightly curfew.

In the meantime, the Soviet-backed Bakrak Karmal regime has begun to implement a Moscow-tailored plan to reorganize the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA). The plan was unfolded last Saturday when the state-owned Kabul radio broadcast the proceedings of a ceremony for the distribution of new party membership cards, with Karmal receiving card No. 1.

Diplomats and Afghan-watchers said the plan, conceived in October last year, was aimed at reducing the influence of the relatively independent and influential Khalq faction, which is opposed to Karmal's Parcham faction in the party, and to purge members of doubtful allegiance to the Soviet Union.

The other aim, described by some experts as "wishful thinking," is to build up a strong mass base for the party.

## Sudan closes schools after student riots

KHARTOUM, Jan. 5 (AP) — All schools in the Khartoum province were ordered closed down indefinitely Monday after students resorted to violence to protest increased government sugar prices.

A joint statement issued by the education ministry and police authorities said the closure decision was taken to "preserve the lives of young students and the property of the citizens" after two days of rioting.

It said the rioting students threw stones at cars, passersby and gas stations, causing chaos in some places and encouraging some "elements" to set fire to some kiosks. Some 120 kiosks at a market four kilometers south of Khartoum were reported to have been set ablaze but no official estimate of the damages was immediately available.

The statement, carried by the Sudanese news agency, said the students also broke into girls' schools, forced the girls out of classes and threatened to beat their teachers.

The government increased sugar prices by 62.5 percent on Jan. 1 in an effort to revive Sudan's economy. A pound of sugar now costs 26 Sudanese piasters, about 30 U.S. cents.

The sugar price hike was made in accordance with an 18-point plan announced by President Jaafar Numeiri last November to boost the economy, plagued by inflation and a deficit in the balance of payment. The Sudanese pound was also devalued by 12.5 percent.

The agency said later that a huge fire broke out at the market place where the 120 kiosks were burned down but did not specify when. The fire caused heavy damages but no casualties, it added.

The incident was a deliberate act of sabotage, the agency quoted an official at the fire brigades as saying. It said investigations are underway but gave no further details.

## Syria, PLO keen on ceasefire in Lebanon-Erskine

TIBERIAS, Israel, Jan. 5 (R) — Lt. Gen. Emmanuel Erskine, commander of the United Nations forces in the Middle East, has said here that both Syrian and the Palestinian commandos wanted the ceasefire in Lebanon to continue.

Speaking Monday at the annual reception for the United Nations by the mayor of Tiberias, Gen. Erskine said that United Nations commanders were in regular contact with Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat. They reported that the PLO would continue to abide by its commitment to respect the ceasefire in South Lebanon.

"There have been no new developments in the region and we have not observed any heavy weapons being brought into South Lebanon," Erskine said.



PRESS CONFERENCE: French Defense Minister Charles Hernu (left) and Egyptian Defense Minister Abdul Halim Abo Gazala during the press conference Sunday before Hernu's return to France. Hernu announced a sale of Mirage jets and other arms to Egypt. On Monday, the United States welcomed the French arms sale to Egypt, saying it sees no conflict between its program to supply F-16 jet fighters to Egypt and the French deal.

## U.S. lauds French arms to Egypt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — The State Department has said it sees no conflict between its program to supply F-16 jet fighters to Egypt and the reported French sale of 20 Mirage 2000 fighters to that country.

Spokesman Dean Fischer said Monday the administration has long recognized the Egyptian need for military equipment went far beyond that which the United States has been able to provide through its military assistance program.

"To the extent that Egypt can further its efforts to replace a portion of its against

Soviet military equipment with assistance from others, this is a development which we would welcome and which will complement our own efforts to be of assistance," he said.

Meanwhile, in Cairo, U.S. Senator Charles Percy said after a meeting Monday with President Hosni Mubarak that the United States will continue supporting Egypt politically, economically and militarily.

In an interview appearing in Tuesday's *Al-Ahram* newspaper, Percy, who is the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said U.S. aid to Egypt would improve the chances for Middle East peace.

## Tel Aviv protests Egyptian statements

## Haig visits Israel next week

TEL AVIV, Jan. 5 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig is expected to visit Israel next week, government officials said Tuesday. An exact date has not yet been set, but Haig will travel here for a short visit after a NATO meeting in Brussels and carry on to Cairo, the officials said.

The visit was to replace a trip by Haig in December that was canceled because of the Polish crisis, the officials said.

Meanwhile, Israel has protested to Egypt over recent statements that Israel views as contradicting the Camp David accords between the two countries, the officials said.

David Kimche, director general of the foreign ministry visited Egypt to raise Israeli objections to statements urging the United States to apply pressure on Israel for annex-

ing the Golan Heights.

An official referred to statements by Ashraf Ghorbal, Egypt's ambassador to the United States, that the United States should cut aid to Israel. Such statements are "contrary to the spirit of Camp David," the official said.

Kimche was also in Egypt to smooth out problems in normalizing relations between the two countries, the official said.

Talks between Israel and Egypt on Palestinian autonomy are to resume Jan. 10 in Cairo. The talks, stipulated by the 1979 Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, were last held in Tel Aviv in December.

Defense Minister Ariel Sharon is traveling to Cairo Jan. 11 for talks on Israel's final withdrawal from the Sinai next April.

## Scowcroft maybe named M.E. envoy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP) — The Ronald Reagan administration is expected to appoint retired Air Force Gen. Brent Scowcroft as special U.S. negotiator for the Israeli-Egyptian talks on establishing a system of Palestinian self-rule in Israeli-occupied territory, informed sources said Monday.

Scowcroft, who served as national security adviser under former President Gerald Ford, would be the third special U.S. negotiator since the talks began after Egypt and Israel signed their peace treaty in March 1979.

Both Egypt and Israel have indicated they would welcome a more active U.S. role in the autonomy negotiations, Egypt, in particular, is anxious to reach agreement by next April.

## U.S. raps Israeli overflights of Iraq

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (R) — The State Department has criticized reported overflights of Iraq by Israeli planes and said the incidents were likely to increase tension in the area.

Spokesman Dean Fischer said Monday the United States had conveyed its view to the Israeli government that such actions were

on a system of self-rule for Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel is scheduled to complete its withdrawal from the Sinai April 25. If there is no autonomy agreement as then, Egypt would be vulnerable to charges from Arab states that its main interest in negotiating the Camp David accords was to recover the Sinai and not to promote Palestinian self-rule.

Since taking office, the Reagan administration has left the special negotiator's post vacant. Under former President Jimmy Carter, the post had been filled first by Robert Strauss and then by Sol Linowitz.

The autonomy talks were resumed in Cairo last September after a 16-month suspension which was the result of national election campaigns in the United States and Israel.

"unhelpful and quite likely to increase tensions in the area."

Iraq said Israeli planes overflew its territory Sunday for the second time in five days and were again driven away by Iraqi fighters.

According to reports, Israel has used American-made F-15s to carry out the overflights on two occasions recently.

## Iran teams to explain 'revolution'

BEIRUT, Jan. 5 (AP) — Iran is planning to send 25 delegations to 60 countries in February "to explain the realities of the Iranian revolution" as part of celebrations to mark the third anniversary of the revolution that overthrew the Shah regime. Tehran radio reported Monday.

The radio, quoting deputy foreign minister for cultural and consular affairs, Javad Mansouri, said 200 persons, including clergymen, parliament members and revolutionary guardsmen will travel abroad, mostly to Islamic countries to organize celebrations for the revolution's anniversary.

Mansouri said the delegations' main job would be to "present proof and documents in favor of the revolution, to counter propaganda leveled against us in other countries." He gave no indications what sorts of documents would be presented.

Iran will also invite 300 foreign guests to Tehran to take part in a week of celebrations to mark Feb. 11, Iran's National Day and the anniversary of the revolution.

Meanwhile in Peking, China's leading newspaper urged Iran and Iraq Tuesday to halt their fighting because "only the superpowers benefit from this bloody clash."

The Communist Party newspaper *People's Daily* said that since the outbreak of the war, the two superpowers have intensified their rivalry in the area and fueled the flames of war by selling arms to the warring countries.

"The superpower in the neighborhood is working both sides, trying to curry favor with both and seize the opportunity for expansion and infiltration," the paper said. The Soviet Union borders on Iran.

## Greece denies hostile attitude toward Turkey

ATHENS, Jan. 5 (AP) — Greek Foreign Minister Ioannis Haralambopoulos has rejected Turkish claims that Greek Premier Andreas Papandreu has aggressive intentions toward Turkey.

His statement Monday in reply to comments by Kamuran Gurun, secretary-general of the Turkish Foreign Ministry, who was quoted in the Turkish daily *Hurriyet* as saying that the "aggressive stand" by Papandreu is a cause for strain in the disputed Aegean.

Haralambopoulos said Papandreu "has made clear... that we seek absolutely nothing from Turkey, but that simultaneously we consider unacceptable any claims by Turkey against Greece."

"Repeated provocations, violations of Greek national space and statements by the political leaders of Turkey do not leave margins for misinterpretations concerning the real situation in the Aegean, which in effect constitutes an unprovoked threat against Greece," Haralambopoulos added.

## BRIEFS

ANKARA, (AFP) — The security department Tuesday announced travel restrictions for 100,000 Turks, notably persons wanted by police for political reasons. The move, banning foreign travel, also concerns those wanted for other offenses, draft dodgers, tax evaders and persons who have committed administrative offenses.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Sinai settlers turned back a government-hired demolition team that started dismantling the farming community's greenhouses Monday for transportation behind the future Israel-Egypt frontier, Israel radio reported.

ALGIERS, (AFP) — The Algerian parliament has decided to postpone a decision on whether to abolish the death penalty, after several days of debate.



FIRST MEETING: Holding his first meeting as U.N. secretary general, Javier Perez de Cuellar (right) seen talking with Syrian Ambassador Dia Allah El-Fattal at the United Nations Monday.

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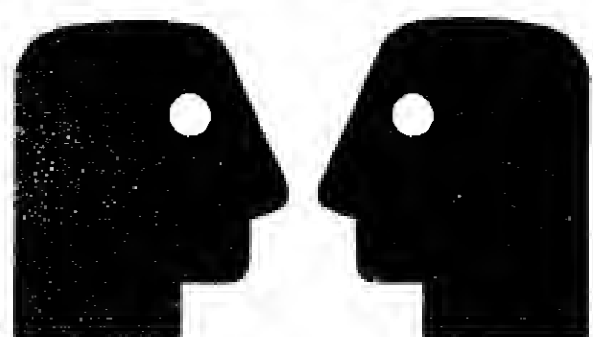
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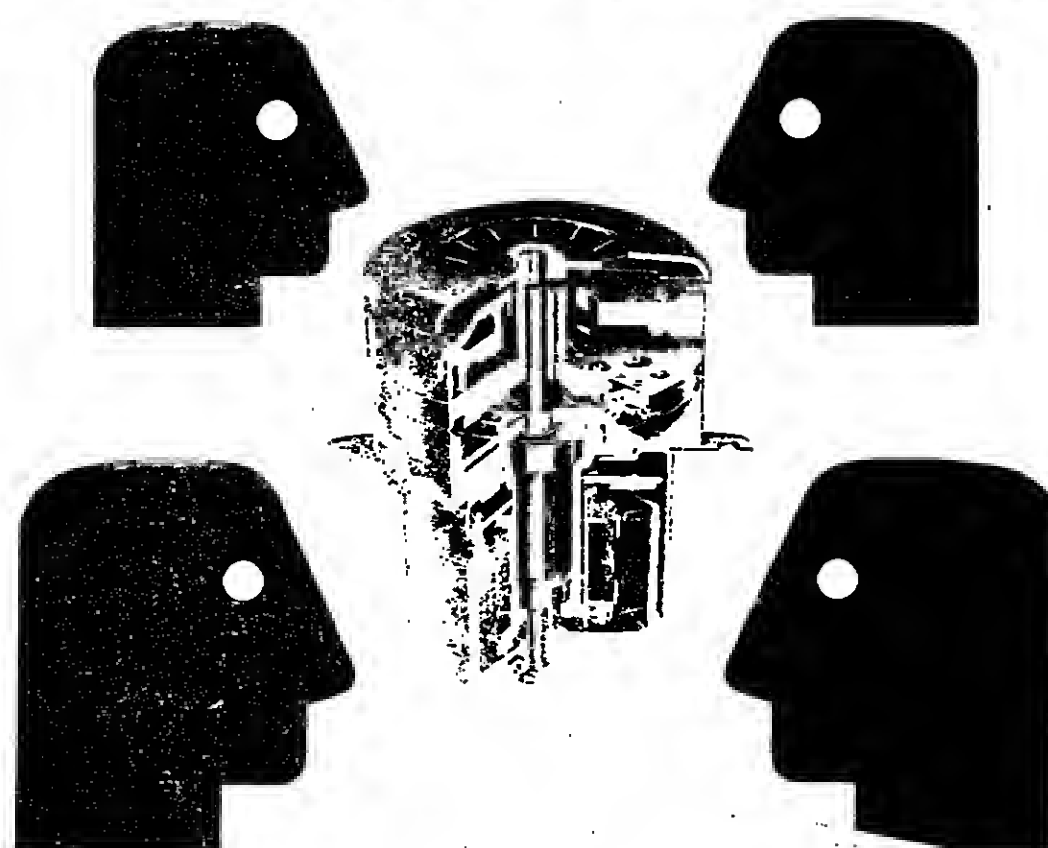
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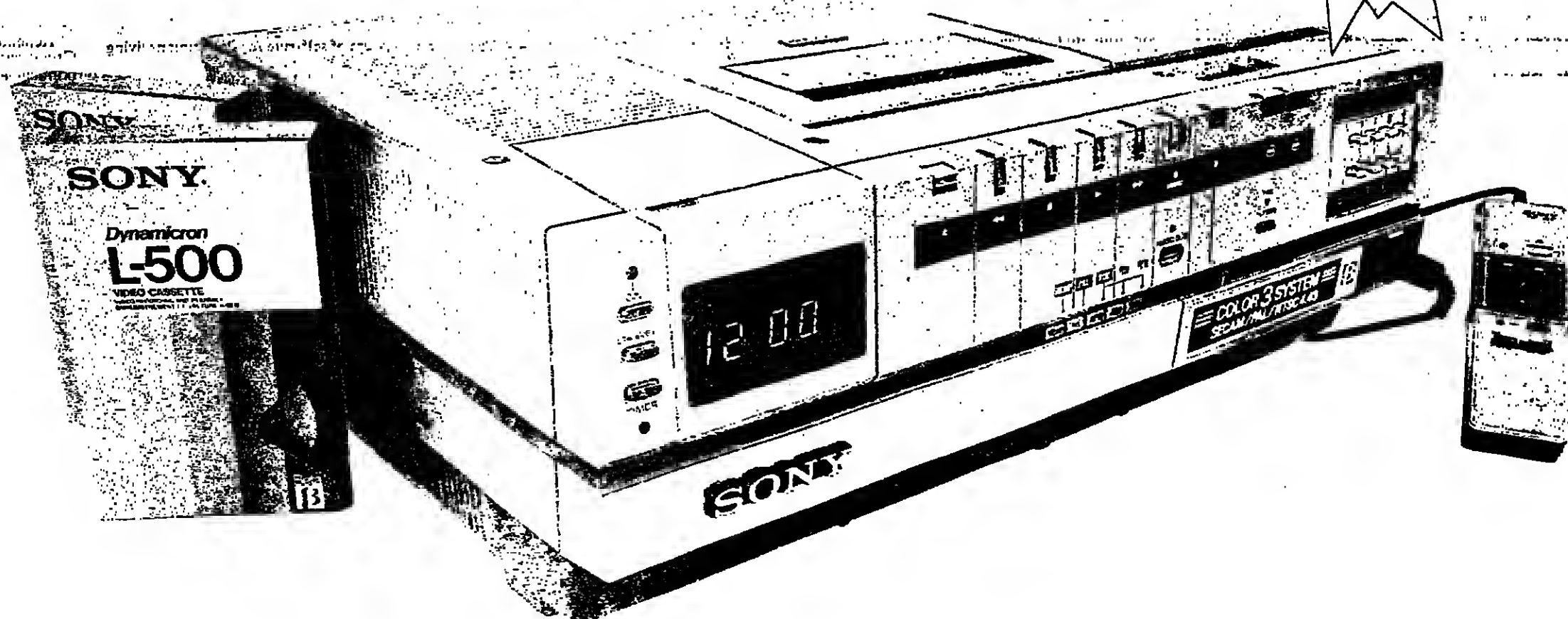
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## ALLEN'S DEPARTURE

When the story of Richard Allen, national security adviser at the White House first broke, we said in this space that Allen must go because his reputation had been badly tarnished. He had arranged an interview with the First Lady for a Japanese women's magazine and accepted a gift of two cheap watches and \$1000 in cash by way of consideration for his effort.

This was no way for an adviser on national security to the U.S. president to behave. It showed not only bad judgment on the eve of his assumption of office but also lack of a sense of personal integrity, essential in every public official and fundamental in a person of Allen's stature and office. There were also other considerations which should have dissuaded him from stooping so low as to accept what amounted to bribe.

The revelations must have shocked President Reagan who had selected him to lead an office of special sensitivity and importance in the White House. But it also shows some positive and reassuring aspects of American life. It shows that public and individual freedoms are alive and well.

The scandal was revealed in the Japanese press but quickly picked up and followed up by the American news agencies and newspapers. Unlike many other countries, the U.S. government could not impose a blackout on the press to kill the story to protect the official, his boss or the government. There is no law in the U.S. to force the press against publishing oaths of public interest even if it involves the president. That is how the story was revealed. Allen was put on the defensive and his departure from the government was only a matter of time.

The message is loud and clear. Those in authority will realize that they too will be scandalized, if they do something wrong and unethical, the way Allen was. Of course corruption and misdemeanors will continue but at least the freedom of the press to publish and the freedom of the public to know will reduce the incidence of such misconduct in high places.

## Saudi Arabian press review

The Kingdom's progress in the field of education and the condemnation of malicious pact between Khomeini's regime and the Israeli enemy to strike against Iraq formed some of the editorial comments in Tuesday's newspapers.

**Al-Bilad** hailed the priority given by the Kingdom's leadership to education all over the country and the constructive programs for the development of science and technology. The paper praised the interest shown by King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd in education and educated people and described it as a wise step for laying the firm foundations for the country's universities to occupy an international place among the advanced nations.

On the same subject, **Okaz** said, "The Kingdom's national policy of spreading educational institutions throughout the country emanates from the government's strong belief that only a meaningful educational renaissance based on the Islamic faith will produce deserving educated citizens for the Kingdom's progress and prosperity." The paper commended the efforts of the Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University "as a landmark for the spread of Islamic Dawaa and teachings not only in the country but all over the Muslim world."

**Al-Jazirah** welcomed the Iraqi call to the Arab states for severing

diplomatic relations with Iran and described it as an appropriate decision "since Iran has aligned itself with Israel in launching attacks on a Muslim state and has openly collaborated with Israel at the expense of the Arab interests."

"Khomeini's insistence on continuing the war against Iraq in spite of high casualties and enormous economic and financial losses, was a great surprise to all Arabs. Also, Iran's open military alliance with the Israeli enemy has come as a big blow to Islamic solidarity and Arab efforts to terminate the continued Israeli aggression on Arab lands," the paper added.

On the same subject, **Al-Riyadh** noted that the Khomeini regime has been waging war against all Arabs without exception at a time "when its slogans of the Islamic revolution, carried in an un-Islamic manner, were overshadowed by its wanton massacres of innocent Muslim men, women and children and the general chaos in the country."

The paper strongly condemned the Iranian attempts to incite a few miscreants in a Gulf country to foment trouble and disturb the peace of the region. The paper also criticized the Iranian government's rejection of Islamic good-will efforts to end Iraq-Iran war. (SPA)

## SDP, Liberals pose threat to Tories, Labor

By Barry May

LONDON —

After a year in which British politics was turned upside down with ideological rifts, revolts and a new pretender, battle lines will be drawn in 1982 for an election that could see the established parties rejected.

For the ruling Conservative Party, 1981 was the year when rebels in the cabinet and parliament loudly voiced fears of grave electoral consequences from the government's tough economic policies.

For the opposition Labor Party, it was a year of turmoil. The left battled with the center in a ferocious struggle for the soul of the labor movement, distracting the party from its central task of supplying a Socialist challenge to Conservative policy.

Out of the Labor strife was born the Social Democratic Party (SDP), nurtured from nothing to join the minority Liberal Party in an alliance now reckoned popular enough to capture the support of a majority of Britain's voters. This time last year there was no SDP and no alliance. Today, 28 parliamentarians, most of them disaffected Labor members, call themselves Social Democrats.

With a dozen Liberals in the House of Commons, the Social Democrat members form a small but influential power bloc. Already the Social Democrats claim to have broken the mold of British politics by wrecking the entrenched two-party system that has dominated the country most of this century. The system was, in effect, a pendulum that swung power back and forth between Labor and Conservatives during general elections to the exclusion of all other contenders.

Britain's traditional first-past-the-post or winner-take-all electoral system — the only such system in the 10 nation European community — ensured that the Liberals, out of government for more than 50 years, remained in third place.

Now, with the Social Democrats emerging as a powerful new political force, the Liberal-SDP alliance is given a real chance in public opinion polls of forming the next British government. Quite apart from their own internal problems of ideology and philosophy, the prospect of an upstart newcomer seizing the reins of power has shaken the two major parties.

**The Times** of London commented on the parties: "No longer can any of the familiar landmarks be taken for granted."

Margaret Thatcher, elected Britain's first woman prime minister in 1979, is more than half-way through her five-year term. She is bound by law to call an election by mid-1984. Mrs. Thatcher, 56, has been widely accused of raising unemployment to nearly three million by insisting on a strategy of reducing inflation by tightly controlling the money supply.

Unemployment is now 12.2 percent of the workforce, up from around nine percent a year ago, and economists predict it will burst through the political-sensitive three million mark in January, historically a bad month for jobs.

Mrs. Thatcher is rated Britain's most unpopular prime minister since surveys of such sentiment began in the 1930s. But despite the unpopularity, she has stuck doggedly to her monetarist strategy regardless of the political cost.

However, her concentration on fighting inflation, at a peak of 21.8 percent in May 1980, has met with only limited success. Inflation was down to 15.3 percent a year ago and has been trimmed to 12 percent in the last few months. But it has not reached the government's target of 10 percent by the end of 1981.

Thatcher says 1982 could be a year of economic recovery, declaring: "I think we're over the worst." Political sources say the challenge for Thatcher in 1982 is to produce enough evidence of recovery from the worst recession in the memory of most Britons to silence her Conservative critics and quash the dissent in the party.

The problems facing Labor's leader Michael Foot are more daunting.

Elected leader in November 1980 at the age of 67, he has presided over a year of bitter feuding that spawned the Social Democrats and depleted Labor's parliamentary ranks by one-tenth. The left-versus-right struggle for power sidetracked Labor from its role as an alternative to the Conservative government. The dissension sent Labor's public standing plummeting when it should have taken advantage of an unpopular government.

At Foot's insistence, the Labor Party has agreed to investigate the infiltration of left-wing extremists who now dominate much of its infrastructure. But with radical Socialist Tony Benn, an influential former cabinet minister, actively on the scene and set squarely against the moderate elements of the left, the feuding is far from over.

For the Labor Party, founded at the turn of the century as the political arm of the trades union movement, the challenge in 1982 is to put its house in order and present itself as a cogent alternative government, political sources say.

For the Social Democrats, 1982 is the year when they must hold the center, produce distinct policies not identifiable as recycled Labor or Conservative strategy, and choose a leader from the so-called gang-of-four who founded the party in March. All four — Roy Jenkins, David Owen, William Rodgers and Shirley Williams — held cabinet posts in Labor governments.

The Liberals, long overshadowed by the Conservative and Labor Parties, must hold their alliance together with the Social Democrats to have any chance of one day sharing power. Youth Liberal leader David Steel has already spoken publicly of differences over the choice of election candidates. "Both sides must avoid arrogance and hubris," he said in a New Year message.

Both Labor and the Conservatives will be quick to seize on any hint of differences in the alliance to keep it from converting its present popularity into political power. (R)

## Letter to the editor

"Good Morning" column

Sir,

I am a regular reader of *Arab News*, whenever I do not find the "Good Morning" column I feel that I am missing something. The person who writes it has his own style of expressing himself about any topic he chooses in a very interesting way. It is both lively and humorous. Besides the sense of humor, he has a literary taste also. Surely he deserves to be congratulated.

Will you please make it a regular feature. I would like to see it daily in your paper as it refreshes the mind.

Yours sincerely,  
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## American actions and Arab decisions

By Michael Adams

President Reagan's decision to institute economic sanctions against the Soviet Union lends additional interest to the debate which opened on Jan. 5 in the U.N. Security Council.

The meeting has been called to decide what the Security Council should do if Israel has not by then canceled its effective annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights. And since it is a foregone conclusion that Menachem Begin's government will not go back on the decision it forced through the Israeli parliament on Dec. 13, the Council will have to do something. At its earlier emergency meeting, the members of the Security Council were unanimous in condemning the annexation and they gave Israel until Jan. 5 to rescind it. Failing that, the unanimous resolution said that the Council would reconvene to decide what action to take — the clear implication being that it would consider the imposition of sanctions against Israel.

The United States, to the surprise of many people, voted for that resolution. Indeed, the American ambassador to the U.N. took part in the drafting of the resolution, along with the Syrian ambassador, so that there could be no misapprehension about the American attitude. And this accounted for the unprecedentedly violent reaction of Begin, who attacked the United States and the president personally in such insulting terms that several members of the opposition in Israel took him to task in the press for endangering Israel's relationship with its vital ally and protector.

But the interesting question that remains is this: Will the United States follow up its condemnation of the Israeli move by agreeing to some form of sanctions or will it, as it has done before, back down in the face of pressure from the pro-Israeli lobby? There is little doubt that a resolution calling for sanctions will be introduced or that, if it is introduced, a majority of the members of the security Council will support it. But each of the five permanent members has the power of veto, which means that the United States, if it wishes to, can prevent any effective action against Israel.

All the evidence from the past suggests that the United States will veto any call for sanctions, how-

ever inconsistent and even humiliating it may be for the Americans to behave in this way. And if the United States does veto the resolution, and so allow Israel to escape the consequences of what everyone agrees to be a breach of international law, its attitude will appear all the more inconsistent in the light of President Reagan's decision last week (Dec. 29) to impose sanctions on the Soviet Union.

In explaining that decision, Reagan said that the Soviet Union bore "a heavy and direct responsibility for the repression in Poland." He said he had written to President Brezhnev "urging him to permit the restoration of basic human rights in Poland." But, he went on, "The repression in Poland continues, and President Brezhnev has responded in a manner which makes it clear that the Soviet Union does not understand the seriousness of our concern, and its obligations under both the Helsinki Final Act and the Charter of the United Nations."

Consequently, said the American president, "I have decided to take the following measures with regard to the Soviet Union" (here followed a list of the sanctions imposed); and he said that he would "watch events in Poland closely in coming days and weeks. Further steps may be necessary and I will be prepared to take them. American decisions will be determined by Soviet actions."

Most people would agree with Reagan in denouncing the repression in Poland, although it does not look as though even the closest allies of the United States agree with him in thinking that the proper response is to impose sanctions on the Soviet Union. But a point which ought to be of considerable interest to any Arab government, especially on the eve of the Security Council debate on Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights, is this. The repression which the Poles are suffering is by no means as harsh as the repression which the Arabs in the territories occupied by Israel have been suffering for the last 11 years. Moreover, whatever responsibility the Soviet Union may bear for what is happening in Poland, the repression there is being carried out by a Polish government; whereas in the occupied territories it is an alien army of occupation which is persecuting the Arabs and annexing their land. And finally, the Begin government, which is directly responsible for the repression of the Pales-

tinians and the annexation of the Golan Heights, is at least as dependent on the United States as the government of Gen. Jaruzelski is dependent on the Soviet Union.

Everyone knows that the government of the United States, if it wished to do so, could put a stop to Israel's behavior in the occupied territories. Everyone knows that President Reagan is only prevented from acting as President Eisenhower did in 1957 (when he ordered the government of David Ben Gurion to withdraw Israel's forces from Sinai and the Gaza Strip) by the pressure of the pro-Israeli lobby in the United States. And Reagan's approach to the Polish situation suggests a course of action which the Arab governments might adopt toward the situation in the occupied territories. There seems no good reason why they should not borrow some of Reagan's own words and address him like this.

"The United States bears a heavy and direct responsibility for the repression in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights. We have many times urged you to use your influence with the Israeli government to put a stop to this repression. We have warned you that, if the repression continues, we shall have no choice but to consider political and economic measures which would drastically affect the relationship between us."

"But the repression in the occupied territories continues and your response to our warnings makes it clear that the United States does not understand the seriousness of our concern, or its own obligations under U.N. Resolution 242, the Geneva Conventions and the Charter of the United Nations."

"We have therefore decided to take immediately certain measures with regard to the United States and we shall watch events in Palestine closely in coming days and weeks. Further steps may be necessary and we shall be prepared to take them. Our decisions will be determined by American actions."

What the measures should be would be a matter for consultation among the Arab governments. What seems to be certain is that until the Arabs approach the United States in these terms, no American government will take any action to put a stop to Israel's repression of the Palestinians or to its expansionist policy at the expense of the Arabs.

## Salvadorans flee war to Belize

By Norris Hall

**BELMOPAN, Belize** — Several thousand refugees from El Salvador are trying to make a new life in Belize and the government says it is ready to take in Haitians and Asians as well so as not to upset the country's racial balance.

Belize, a small, racially mixed and underpopulated country on the Caribbean flank of Central America, gained independence from Britain last September, with neighboring Guatemala growling because of an old territorial claim on the former colony. Thus it has its own problems, but has nonetheless been responding with sympathy to the plight of the Salvadorans fleeing guerrilla warfare in their own country.

In addition to those from El Salvador, who comprise the bulk of Belize's refugees, there are others from elsewhere in Central America. Many of the Salvadorans arriving in Belize are merely in transit to places further north but some have chosen to remain. They are mainly small farmers, eking out a subsistence existence.

In the efforts to help the refugees settle in Belize, the government has been receiving assistance from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

While it is difficult to ascertain the exact numbers of refugees in Belize, the ministry of defense and home affairs says there are about 400 Salvadoran families with an average of five to a family. Most of them are living in villages of the Cayo district in western Belize near the border with Guatemala.

There are also some families in the Corozal, Orange Walk and Toledo districts. "But there can be no more than 3,000 refugees here and some of them have already been assimilated into Belizean society," said a ministry official.

It was in early 1980 that Belize began to see the first influx of refugees from Central America. They came almost exclusively from El Salvador. While immigration statistics indicate that more than 6,000 came here initially, most of these were in transit, and have returned to their homes or moved on to other countries — Mexico, Honduras and the United States.

To assist those who have stayed here, the government through the ministry of defense and home affairs signed an agreement in August 1980 with UNHCR for emergency assistance in the form of clothing, medicine and basic household needs. The UNHCR allocated \$72,000 which was disbursed by the ministry. This emergency program is now under review and a new agreement is expected to be signed early this year.

Both the ministry of defense and home affairs and the UNHCR have said they are anxious that the emergency assistance should take on a new perspective — that the refugees should be assisted with tools to help apply skills acquired here or which they practiced in their homeland. The original assistance program offered help for those who were unable to find jobs due to the lack of skills, widows with families who have lost their husbands in the war in El Salvador and for incapacitated people.

The government is attempting to frame its refugee policy in relation to the international situation and the plight of the millions of refugees from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

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## Immigrant groups, minorities affected Ethnic stereotyping is dehumanizing; especially in depicting U.S. blacks

By Patrick Brasley

NEW YORK (LAT) — Many immigrant groups and minorities have suffered from ethnic stereotyping by American society, but the stereotyping of blacks has been by far the most dehumanizing, according to Marguerite Ross Barnett, a professor of political science at Columbia University.

To substantiate her view of black stereotyping, Barnett points to the toys, drawings, household utensils and other memorabilia depicting blacks that she has

collected over 17 years. Her collection includes Mammy dolls, toys, lawn ornaments, advertisements, postcards and household items.

The stereotypes really represent an effort by American whites to maintain political power during the segregation era, Barnett said.

Items in her collection cover the period from the end of the Civil War up to the 1940s. They include a dartboard game with a black-faced target, a bank labeled with a racial epithet, statuettes of black Mammies, Uncle

Rastuses and grinning pickaninies on chamberpots or with watermelons, and a bowling set with pins that are replicas of blacks. Although most pieces are from the late 19th Century, one toy, a wind-up rustic black male figure in garish costume who shuffles on a platform, appeared in the Sears Roebuck Catalog as late as the 1920s, Barnett said.

Barnett argues that by ridiculing blacks, exaggerating their facial features and denying their humanity, the popular art of the post-Civil War period represented the political culture's attempt to deny blacks the equal status and rights awarded them in the emancipation proclamation.

"If the popular literature of the time — cartoons, advertisements, posters — accepted blacks as serious figures with equal rights, it would have been difficult for the white establishment to continue their economic and political exploitation," Barnett said.

"By making blacks inhuman, American whites could destroy their claim to equal treatment," she said. "Blacks as slaves were no problem because they were under complete domination, but blacks as free men posed political problems. The popular culture of the day supplied the answer by dehumanizing blacks and picturing them as childlike and inferior."

Barnett concedes that similar stereotyping and attacks on other cultures existed during the same period. The Irish, Germans and Poles were ridiculed in newspapers and magazines. But she maintains that such stereotypes were specific political reactions.

Other minorities generally were stereotyped for one or two alleged characteristics, she said. Thus, the Irish were depicted as drunks or criminals, Germans were painted as vulgar beer-drinkers. Poles were stupid, Italians were shiftless.

Nor was the depiction of other minorities as dehumanizing as those of blacks, she said. Only blacks, she said, were on toy pencils being consumed by alligator-like pencil sharpeners, or made the targets of shooting and dart games or drawn on the bottoms of ashtrays to receive ground-out cigars.

Barnett concedes that many of the depictions of blacks in the collection were amiable: Happy children, grinning Mammies, sly uncles. "But you notice it is the young and the old who are generally depicted as affable. The women are older domestics with aprons and head rags, the men gray, aging, subservient uncles, the children small and mischievous. There are no adult middle-age men and women who might pose a threat." She said whites may have felt a love-hate relationship in their attitude toward blacks. "If someone is familiar and non-threatening, you can afford a fondness."

### Lucrative stereotype

## Frenchmen's image with loaf of bread pays off

PARIS — Although France now counts as the world's third or fourth leading exporting country and stands among the great industrial powers, many Frenchmen and foreigners still insist on seeing it in terms of an outdated stereotype: That of a little man with a beret firmly clamped on his head and a loaf of French bread under his arm.

Ironically, the long loaf of French bread which so many people see as a national symbol has now travelled beyond France's borders, to contribute its part to France's export drive. Behind the move is a firm called the Grands Moulins de Paris, the country's leading flour-milling concern

(with an annual turnover of 2.6 billion francs) which alone accounts for nearly 40 percent of all French flour exports.

In 1977, the Grands Moulins de Paris opened a chain of 17 restaurant-bakeries in the United States under the name Vie de France. Built to serve 600 people a day, the establishments house a restaurant, bakery and catering concern. The bakery operates along both traditional and highly modern lines: The dough is imported by air and the bread cooked in the establishment's ovens.

The formula has met such a wide success in the United States that the French loaf has now set its sights on northern Europe.



FRENCH BREAD: Traditionally, the French still prepare their bread the old fashioned way, baked in a wood-fired oven.

## Taal volcano is notorious as lowest and most active

MANILA — It is as strange as it is violent. A lake within a lake, and a volcano within a volcano. Taal, a few hours drive from Manila, is a beautiful and fearsome place. From atop the breathtaking Tagaytay ridge overlooking the lake, in 1970, at dusk, eagles flew over red lava spurted from Taal Volcano dark red against the gathering dark. Taal volcano was having one of its tantrums.

Known to be the lowest and one of the most active volcanoes in the world, Taal had 36 major eruptions — when island residents have to flee — since 1572, the earliest known record of its eruption. There must have been countless eruptions before and many more since then, like in the mid-'70s when residents hardly took notice. Most of the eruptions took place in the main crater, now a serene blue-green lake.

That is what gives this place the reputation of having a lake within a lake. The small crater lake on the island that is in the middle

of a bigger lake. The bigger lake itself is said to be the crater of a bigger volcano, that Tagaytay ridge in fact is the rim of a now extinct volcano. Thus, the reputation of a volcano (a smaller one on the island) within a volcano (the bigger, now extinct one).

In 1965, eruption occurred for the first time since 1749 on the island's flank, opening a crater one-and-a-half kilometers long and one-third of a kilometer wide. The 1965 eruption spewed a staggering 70 million cubic meters of earth, adding 60 square kilometers to the island. Taal can be that violent, and residents were forced to flee.

The island has since become a national park. In between minor eruptions life is normal. The volcano is a favorite destination for weekend hikers, and the 10 villages on the island quietly continue fishing and farming.

The Commission on Volcanology has a station at Pira-piraso Point. Volcanologists take Taal's temper seriously. A three-man team stationed on the island permanently. At the active crater temperature readings are taken from six permanent probe holes on the ground, measuring any tilting in the land mass, and doing a visual observation of the crater. A seismograph (which "reads" ground movement) is permanently stationed on the island and another on the mainland. A portable seismograph is also brought to the crater area on occasions.

Villagers have their own way of telling when Taal will erupt again. Small earthquakes, for instance. They always precede eruptions. The lake water gets warmer. It gets so hot before major eruptions that dead fish and shrimps float on the lake surface. Animals abandon their sanctuaries in the hills and birds fly to the mainland.

Such warnings were seen just before the 1965 eruption and on January 29, 1911. In 1911, the volcano rained mud, searing vegetation and blurring Binintiang Munti, one of the island's craters. When the earthquakes intensified, the tremors were deafening to the ears. Villagers fled the island, their boats creaking in the choppy lake, just in time to escape the unleashed fury of red hot lava flows and the suffocating ash rain that followed.

And every time the small volcano gives its final burp, when volcanologists say the temper has been soothed, villagers return. Even when the government tried to relocate them on the mainland, they always managed to go back.

### Waste system keeps material under control

LONDON — A method to make buried radioactive and hazardous wastes safe, has been developed by researchers at the U.S. Department of Energy.

In-situ vitrification involves melting the radioactive waste, which is typically buried in shallow land-fill disposal sites. Together with the surrounding soil and rock the process forms a durable glass or crystalline product.

The solidifying technique isolates the dangerous waste material from the public and keeps radioactive and other highly toxic material from spreading through natural erosion.

Researchers at the Pacific Northwest Laboratory in Richland, Washington, have conducted tests in which an electric current is passed between electrodes placed in the soil around the wastes. The heat generated by the electric current melts the waste and surrounding soil.

If full scale tests are successful, the researchers expect the technique to work with a wide variety of waste materials and other contaminants that might be in radioactive waste site soil, such as paper, wood, plastic.

## India fights pollution, contamination, water quality controversy is constant

NEW DELHI (AFP) — There is hardly a single river in India which is not badly contaminated. The waters of many are unsafe for drinking, bathing or irrigation, and the Ganges River is among the worst.

The state-run Central Board of Prevention and Control of Water Pollution has confirmed in a preliminary report on a study that in certain areas of Uttar Pradesh state the Ganges was suitable only for navigation.

But pollution is not limited to water alone. The air is as seriously polluted in a number of towns and cities, particularly in the four industrial capitals of New Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras.

Over 60 percent of the country's 680 million people are estimated to be exposed to a significant level of pollution.

An official study in Calcutta revealed that over 50 percent of the people in India's most populous city (eight million people) were suffering from respiratory diseases.

Although no such assessment has been made public for Delhi, the air in the capital is considered the worst of all.

Experts say the dust level here is the highest in the world.

The state-run National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) estimated that motor vehicles were blasting out 30 tons of hydrocarbons, 240 tons of carbon monoxide, two tons of sulphur diox-

ide and about 20 tons of nitrogen oxide every day. In addition, three thermal power plants dumped 50 tons of fly ash and 70 tons of sulphur dioxide into the air.

In Calcutta, over 250 tons of dust particles and over 75 tons of sulphur and nitrogen oxides descend over the city daily.

Industry is the worst offender, emitting gaseous substances in the air or discharging chemical wastes into the rivers, mostly without proper treatment.

Many cremation grounds are located on river banks, adding to the problem. According to one survey, each year 39,000 half-burnt bodies and carcasses are thrown into the Ganges from the Hindu city of Varanasi (Benares) alone.

High levels of mercury have been detected in rivers in such far-flung states as Kerala in the extreme south, Orissa in the northeast, Maharashtra in the West and Rajasthan in the Northwest. This has accumulated mainly from industrial waste. The poisonous liquid metal has also found its way into food items like fish, vegetables and milk.

There have been reports of fish floating dead in rivers. Studies show aquatic life in the Ganges has been almost totally destroyed for five to six kms (two to three miles) near the leather industry town of Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh, and near Bihar

state's Munkam-Barami industrial areas.

Similar conditions were noted in the Hooghly in West Bengal, the Rushikulya in Orissa and the Chaliyar in Kerala.

About 800 fishermen in Ganjam, Southern Orissa, have all migrated elsewhere because of the total extinction of fish in the Rushikulya.

Polluted Rushikulya irrigation waters have also devastated at least 20 acres (over five hectares) of once fertile cropland in the Orissa state town of Binchanappalli, according to local farmers.

The quality of the water supply in cities and towns has become a matter of acute concern. It is compounded by lack of facilities, inefficient management and breakdowns in the distribution systems.

In New Delhi the quality of the water supply has been a subject of constant controversy. Out of over 250 million gallons of daily water supply from the Yamuna River, 200 million gallons return as waste to the disposal drains carrying along 300,000 cubic meters of sewage and 20,000 cubic meters of industrial waste.

Unofficial experts say only 117 million gallons of this waste water are channelled through treatment facilities, while the remaining 83 million gallons flow back into the Yamuna.

In Madras, about 50 percent of the water supply is admitted to be still contaminated despite persistent efforts to remedy the situation.

Noise pollution has also grown almost as serious in Bombay, New Delhi and Calcutta. Street noise in these three cities is found to be excessively high both day and night.

Bombay is the noisiest, with nearly 30 percent of its population (over eight million) found to be badly affected.

Natural scenery and the country's heritage are also being systematically damaged.

The felling of trees by local people, leading to silting in streams, and an ever-growing tourist flow have all endangered the 2,500 km (1,600 mile) Himalayan ecological environment.

Even the future of Agra's Taj Mahal has become uncertain. Despite official denials, many fear the over 400-year-old white marble tomb, built by a Moghul King for his wife, may be tarnished by the emissions of an oil refinery now nearing completion in nearby Mathura.

The government has enacted a series of laws to tackle the growing threat to the environment. The first was the 1974 Prevention of Water Pollution Act; the latest came in February when parliament passed an air pollution act.

But measures taken so far have clearly made little impact on such a vast country.



GANGES RIVER: There is hardly a single river in India which is not badly contaminated and the Ganges River in New Delhi, is one of the worst.

### High-quality flour produced

## 'Pea-wheat' crossbreed crop was developed in China

By Xie Hua

BEIJING — Producing a crop that is a crossbreed of pea and wheat sounds as strange as crossing apples and oranges, but two scientists in China have proven at least the former hybrid is possible.

In fact, the so-called pea-wheat No. 1 has been introduced to 25 of China's 29 provinces, towns and autonomous regions. According to preliminary reports, it is now

being sown in about 2,000 hectares of land. The crop is still in its experimental stages, however, and there is no plan to export pea-wheat at this time.

Zhang Siwen, a 43-year-old engineer in the Academy of Agricultural Sciences in Jiangxi province, and his wife, Li Zhongxian, 39, an agricultural technician, successfully grew "pea-wheat" while they worked from 1970-79 at the northwest plateau organism institute under the Chinese Academy of Sci-

ences in Qinghai province. This new crop has higher yields and protein content than two popular wheat varieties grown in Qinghai — Abundanza and Qingchun No. 5.

Zhang explained why pea and wheat could be crossbred successfully. "The basic number of chromosomes, the genetic substance in pea and wheat, is identical, and the order of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), the main genetic substance in chromosomes, is also the same. This provides a base for hybridization

of these two crops."

To breed a new variety of wheat for a region with a higher summer temperature of 27.76, they tried to hybridize more than 5,000 different kinds of spring wheat, with no success. In 1971, the couple crossed spring wheat with pea to give the resulting variety the desirable qualities of early maturation, heavy grain and high protein content.

Out of the 2,000 hybrids produced, only one — the male parent of which was pea and the female parent, wheat — produced seeds. These three seeds were then sown in the greenhouse in November of that same year. One of the seeds grew and produced a stalk with an ear at the top and two ears on its tillering from the nodes. This plant produced 100 seeds.

After about nine generations of hybrids, ear production and plumpness of the crop normalized.

Pea-wheat No. 1 contains 16.33 percent protein, a figure which is 4.17 percent and 1.77 percent higher than its parents of wheat and pea, respectively. This new crop also compares favorably with Abundanza and Qingchun No. 5.

Pea-wheat needs less than 108 days to grow while Abundanza and Qingchun need 131 days and 123 days, respectively. Abundanza contains 11.2 percent protein and Qingchun has 13.4 percent of this nutrient. As for lysine, pea-wheat contains 0.73 percent of this protein building block. Abundanza has 0.37 percent and Qingchun contains 0.39 percent.

Output in tons per hectare for pea-wheat is about 4.6 and for Qingchun is about 2.3 (Abundanza wasn't grown there due to the cold). These comparisons are based on tests at Xinjie farm, located 3,200 meters above sea level in the southern part of Qinghai. Thus, they do not necessarily reflect amounts found for these crops when grown in other parts of the province.

Pea-wheat No. 1 is also suitable for crop rotation when sown in other areas.

When grown on the Qinghai-Tibet highland, pea-wheat's growing period actually ranges from 98 to 108 days, which is 15 to 23 days shorter than spring wheat. Though the official growing period in the area is 50 to 90 days per year, pea-wheat can still grow well because it is resistant to low temperatures, according to Zhang.

He explained that in Qinghai, this crop is sown at the end of March and harvested at the end of August. Frost appears for the first time in late August and for the last time late in the following May. But pea-wheat seedlings are resistant to temperatures as low as -12.5 degrees Celsius and continue to grow when frost appears in April and May.

While the pea-wheat looks promising, experts were not sure about the taste and quality.

According to the factory, the quality of bread made with pea-wheat flour is higher than those made with Abundanza and winter wheat flour, under the same processing conditions. A bread of pea-wheat flour is twice as big as that made of Abundanza flour, and is one-third larger than that made of winter wheat flour.



NEW ARRIVAL: A black rhinoceros was born in the West Berlin Zoo Dec. 23. Here mother Kitani watches the baby carefully after they went on public display Jan. 1.



## U.S. response could trigger race

# Scientists alert on chemical arms

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP) — The world is on the verge of a chemical arms race because of the potential U.S. response to reports of Soviet-backed use of chemical warfare in the Third World, some scientists say.

Speaking Monday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, scientists said evidence on the nature and extent of the use of chemical or biological weapons in Afghanistan and Indochina remains inconclusive.

But whatever the evidence, the U.S. response to the perceived threat could trigger a race in these weapons unless they are included in new international arms limitation talks, they said.

Dr. Arthur H. Westing, professor of ecology at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, said that even the best U.S. evidence of the use of chemical weapons by the Soviet Union and its allies is indirect and inconclusive.

Westing, who favors unilateral destruction of all chemical and biological weapons, said he questioned the motives of U.S. officials alleging possible use of these arms by the Soviets without hard evidence.

"To put the kindest light on this, one could say the United States is going off half-cocked and unprepared," Westing told a news briefing at the meeting.

The United States may be trying to embarrass the Soviet Union and may be looking for an excuse to put new chemical weapons in the U.S. arsenal," added Westing, formerly a researcher with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

Robert P. Mikulak, a science officer with the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, agreed that evidence on the Soviet use of chemical weapons isn't hard. But he disagreed with Westing's conclusions about U.S. motives and actions.

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**PROMISE:** Former United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young, whose civil rights reputation in America made him Atlanta's second black mayor, takes the oath of office Monday with a promise not to forget the city's white minority.

## Hondurans taking issue of refugee deaths to U.N.

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Jan. 5 (AP) — Honduras denounced the alleged killing of 200 Nicaraguan refugees in its north-west corner as a "horrendous massacre" and said it would file complaints "within the next hours" with the United Nations and the Organization of American States.

Hondurans claimed last Saturday that Nicaraguan troops crossed into Honduras Dec. 26 and Dec. 31 and killed 200 Nicaraguan Indians from the north coast who had refugee status.

Honduras reinforced its troop strength in the remote region last week, moving soldiers and supplies up by plane because the only road into the region is from the Nicaraguan border.

The area has been closed off to the public and independent confirmation of the Honduran claim cannot be made. Honduran Foreign Minister Col. Cesar Elvir Sierra said Monday an investigation of the situation is continuing.

About 3,000 Nicaraguan Indians from the Miskito, Suma and Rama tribes have arrived in Honduras, most of them since last February, after many of them were classed as "counterrevolutionary" by the rebel-led

government in Managua.

The black, conservative, English-speaking majority along Nicaragua's Atlantic coast is often at odds with many aspects of the new left-leaning government.

In all, about 10,000 Nicaraguans have fled to Honduras since the revolution, led by the Sandinista National Liberation Front, toppled Gen. Anastasio Somoza and took power in July, 1979.

Relations between the Sandinistas and the moderate military government of Honduras have been tense since then, with Nicaragua claiming Honduras is harboring Somoza backers and allowing them to use Honduras as a base for raids into Nicaragua.

More than a dozen Nicaraguan troops have been killed, apparently by rightist guerrillas, since Dec. 1, and Honduran government sources say about 40 Nicaraguan and 10 Honduran troops have died in border clashes since July of 1979.

Military spokesmen said the bodies of many slain refugees were found floating in the Segovia River. Honduran troops buried them, the spokesmen said.

## Cracks appear in U.K. alliance

# Jenkins may contest poll

LONDON, Jan. 4 (R) — Roy Jenkins, favorite to lead Britain's Social Democrats, was tipped by political sources to content an unexpected by-election and make an early return to parliament.

At the same time, the first cracks appeared in the Social Democratic Party (SDP) alliance with the Liberals, forged in September six months after Jenkins and three other former Labor Party ministers formed the new party.

Alliance negotiations to choose some 600 candidates for the next general election, due by 1984, were abruptly suspended and the two partners traded insults in a public slanging match.

Jenkins, 61, former senior cabinet minister, president of the European Commission, and the SDP's founding father-figure, was mentioned by political sources Monday as the alliance candidate most likely to contest a by-election for a House of Commons seat that became vacant over the weekend.

Scotland's longest-serving member of parliament, Sir Thomas Galbraith, 64, died Saturday after a long illness. He had held the Glasgow seat for the ruling Conservative Party since 1948 and was knighted by Queen Elizabeth only last Thursday.

Jenkins, the only one of the four founding Social Democrats without a seat in parliament, has said he is keen to get back before the new party chooses a leader next autumn. But he declined to say whether he would contest the Glasgow seat. "I am sorry but I am saying nothing," he said as he left his country home for discussions on the question in London.

An SDP spokesman said Jenkins would not wish to say anything publicly until after the funeral of Sir Thomas. Alliance officials in Glasgow said they would meet on Friday and there was a strong possibility that Jenkins would be invited to stand.

The alliance has won the last two by-elections in Britain most impressively and claims it has emerged to break the entrenched two-party system that has seen power alternate between Labor and the Conservatives.

Jenkins served in Labor governments twice, as home secretary (interior minister) and once as chancellor of the exchequer (finance minister). As president of the European Commission from 1977-80, he was chief executive of the 10-nation European Economic Community.

## China denies report on base

PEKING, Jan. 5 (R) — The Chinese government Tuesday dismissed as rumors Japanese reports that the United States had a monitoring base in northwest China and had sought supply facilities for its navy at a Chinese port.

"These two pieces of news are sheer rumor-mongering," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said in answer to questions.

A report about such a base was carried last Sunday by the mass-circulation *Yomiuri Shimbun* which also quoted Japanese government sources as saying that the United States had been negotiating to open the Manchurian port of Dalian to the 7th Fleet as a port of call for food and water supplies.

The paper quoted its sources as saying however that the report was based on unconfirmed information obtained through a third country. Last June U.S. government spokesmen declined to confirm or deny report that the United States and China were monitoring Soviet missile tests from either one or two radar posts in the remote northwest Chinese

province of Xinjiang, close to the Soviet border.

The *New York Times* and the NBC network said then the listening post or posts, manned by Chinese using American equipment, were set up in 1979 to replace U.S. monitoring facilities in Iran lost in the Iranian revolution.

*Yomiuri* quoted its sources as saying the Japanese government had confirmed through an unofficial route the existence of such a monitoring base at Lop Nur in Xinjiang. It said U.S. engineers were stationed in the base.

Asked to comment on this last June, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman replied: "We have never heard of it." The U.S. embassy in Peking said Monday it had no comment on the reports.

American sources have said that given the present poor state of relations between Washington and Peking over the issue of U.S. arms sales to Taipei, it was unlikely any talks on port facilities were going on.

## Rain, melting snow flood U.K. town

BOROUGHBRIDGE, England, Jan. 5 (AP) — Melting snow and fresh rain caused the River Ure to overflow its banks in this north Yorkshire market town Monday, inundating stores and houses to a depth of four feet (1.2 m). "It's the worst flooding we've ever known," said newspaper store-owner Derrick Wilkinson.

The supermarket is under water, a hair-dresser's shop is awash and barrels are floating around the pub cellar. A lot of people have been moved out until the water level subsides.

Police launched small boats to help the stranded and soldiers were called in to pile sandbags along the riverbank. The nearby farming village of Lower Dunsforth with a population of 70 was completely cut off by five feet of water.

In the ancient, walled Roman city of York, police said the river level was dangerously high. "Many city centers (parking lots) are under water and sections of main roads are impassable," said chief Supt. Reg Hopkins, head of the city's flood control unit. "Anybody who comes to the city tonight might not be able to get out again."

There were flood warnings from Scotland in the north to Devon and Cornwall in Southwest England.

The flooding follows the coldest and snowiest December in Britain since 1878, according to weathermen. On Dec. 13 in the village of Shawbury near Shrewsbury, an official weather observer took down the coldest temperature in recorded English history — 13 degrees below zero Fahrenheit (minus 25 C). The New Year thaw has raised maximum temperatures to around 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10 C) in London.

## Jury chosen for Atlanta killing trial

ATLANTA, Jan. 5 (AP) — A 12-member jury has been selected for the trial of Wayne Williams, the black man accused of killing the last two of 28 young blacks found dead in and around Atlanta over a two-year period.

The jurors — eight blacks and four whites — were chosen after a week of painstaking questioning by lawyers seeking to eliminate anyone with preconceived notions about the case — a difficult task after the flood of publicity that surrounded it. In all, 167 prospective jurors were questioned.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Clarence Cooper, who is black, said testimony and the introduction of evidence will begin Wednesday morning. The trial is expected to last more than a month.

The jurors will be sequestered for the duration, kept in a hotel where they will be cut off from the press and the outside world. Their names and addresses are being kept secret. Police technicians say that fibers and threads found in Williams' house match those found on the bodies of some of the dead youths. Williams, 23, is a self-styled music promoter.

## America to continue space program

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (R) — Presidential science adviser George Keyworth has told U.S. space scientists the Reagan administration does not intend to abandon space exploration, despite planned budget cuts.

Keyworth told a symposium of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Monday that the Reagan administration valued space exploration. He said budget cuts were still being discussed but gave no further details.

Keyworth assured the scientists the "deep space network," the radio communications link with American automated spacecraft, would not be discontinued for budget reasons. Scientists had feared the network would be shut down before it could receive data from the *Voyager* spacecraft when it passes Neptune and Uranus at the end of the decade.

Keyworth said forsaking those experiences to "save a few million (dollars) is unthinkable to this administration." He said the administration also viewed favorably the space telescope to be carried into orbit by the space shuttle. Keyworth declined to discuss such other projects as Galileo, which is designed to orbit and enter the atmosphere of Jupiter.

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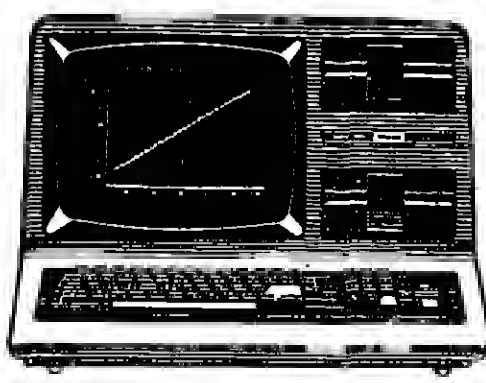
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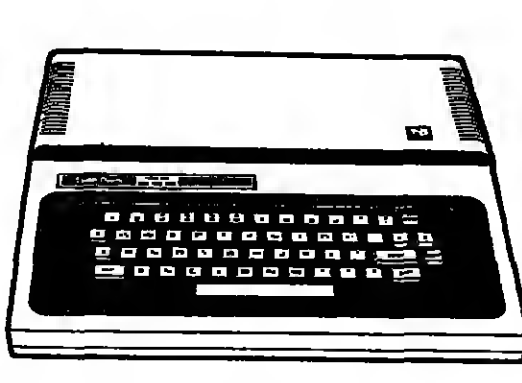
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## Police, Iglesias family split

# Interpol issues alert for Spain abductors

MADRID, Jan. 5, (AFP) — The Paris-based International Police Organization (Interpol) Tuesday issued a worldwide red alert for the suspected kidnappers of Julio Iglesias, father of the Spanish singer of the same name.

The internationalization of the police hunt was the first major step in the week-long mystery surrounding the crime. Interpol has sent full details of the kidnapping together with a photograph of the 66-year-old victim and composite sketches of two ringleaders, described as in their early thirties and speaking Spanish with a Latin American accent.

Tension has been growing hourly with signs of a widening split between the police and the Iglesias family, which has publicly announced its agreement to pay reportedly a record ransom demand of 1,000 million pesetas (about \$10 million).

For the Spanish police have always been violently opposed to the payment of any ransom demands, on the grounds that doing so will fuel the appetite of other kidnappers.

Sign of a split were noticeable as soon as the family Monday made a public appeal to the kidnappers to contact singer Julio Iglesias at his luxury home in Miami, Florida, or his brother Carlos in Madrid.

The appeal said that the victim was in poor health, and pleaded with the kidnappers to

contact the family at the earliest possible moment. The two brothers maintain regular contact with a telephone call every 30 minutes over a special line whose number is known to only three other persons.

At the outset, the police told Carlos Iglesias to refuse to speak to newsmen and maintain total silence, but Monday he contacted some reporters to stress the family's growing concern. He went further in an interview with Radio Luxembourg when he said that the family was prepared to pay the enormous ransom even though the police were opposed.

He told AFP Tuesday that there were no police at his father's flat where he is staying glued to the telephone for a call from the kidnappers. Madrid is a city swirling with rumors, and a family lawyer had to issue a denial of one of the more objectionable he explained that the kidnapping was not just a publicity gag.

Iglesias was kidnapped last Tuesday when two men claiming to work for a West German television network called for him at the maternity clinic where he works and went off with him. He has not been seen or heard from since. Meanwhile, a television team has started making a film about the "Iglesias affair" intended for worldwide viewing.

## For high ransom

# Bilbao tycoon kidnapped

BILBAO, Spain, Jan. 5 (AP) — Josef Lipperheide, 75, a German-born Bilbao industrialist, was kidnapped from his home here Tuesday and his family said the kidnappers were commandos of ETA, the Basque separatist organization.

The family said the abductors, on leaving Lipperheide's home, said they would seek "a high ransom." Lipperheide was born at Neheim, West Germany. He came to Spain after Germany's World War II defeat. He settled down in Bilbao, where he heads a number of firms.

Union sources said some of Lipperheide's firms had been involved in labor conflicts

lately. Servants at the industrialist's home said he was kidnapped by eight persons, some of whom broke into the house after the door was cleared to Lipperheide's chauffeur, whom they had kidnapped earlier in the day.

The chauffeur told police two men kidnapped him from his place and forced him to accompany them to Lipperheide's home. He said when the door was cleared to him, the commandos stormed into the house.

The servants said the kidnappers went straight to Lipperheide's bedroom and took him away in a waiting car. Lipperheide is a widower and the father of three daughters and a son, all married.

## Over EEC communique

# Greek deputy minister fired

ATHENS, Greece, Jan. 5 (AP) — Deputy Foreign Minister Asimakis Fotilas was dismissed Tuesday for allegedly failing to carry out Premier Andreas Papandreu's instructions at the European Economic Community meeting on the Polish question.

An official announcement disclosing Fotilas' dismissal did not specify what instructions he failed to obey. A government spokesman declined to make a clarifying statement on what Premier Papandreu's instructions were to the 50-year-old official, one of three deputy foreign ministers.

The semi-official Athens News Agency (ANA) claimed that Fotilas was dismissed for

accepting the wording of the communique approved by the 10 EEC ministers in Brussels on Monday.

In the communique, the EEC representatives warned Soviet bloc nations not to interfere in Poland and added the situation was affected by "serious external pressure."

Papandreu has so far refrained from condemning the military clampdown in Poland in mid-December. He has said his Socialist government's views on the question would be disclosed in parliament during a debate requested by the major political opposition and expected to begin next week.

## BRIEFS

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe (AP) — More than 240 railmen arrested Monday for illegally striking spent the night in several Zimbabwe police cells, the Information Department reported Tuesday. The strike by more than 430 locomotive firemen entered its sixth day with passenger services still paralyzed and the flow of domestic freight and external trade cut back. The railmen are demanding higher wages. Home Affairs Minister Richard Hove, who is in charge of police, announced Monday that at least 243 strikers had been arrested under the Law and Order Maintenance Act for disrupting essential services. Those arrested appeared in courts in several centers Tuesday. They can be jailed for five years each if convicted.

PEKING, (AFP) — A total of 304 couples were united at the New Year in one of the biggest collective wedding ceremonies ever held in China, the English-language *China Daily* reported Tuesday. Immediately after the ceremony, which took place in Hefei, the capital of the Anhui province, the couples signed an appeal inviting young Chinese to break away from the extravagant or feudal customs, especially where marriage is concerned. Collective weddings are encouraged in China as a means to combat the wasteful and showy ceremonies generally organized in China.

CAPRI, Italy, (AFP) — Tired of pollution and exorbitant costs, the town of Capri in northern Italy has handed over the task of rubbish disposal to a colony of worms, which works round the clock for nothing. "They never go on strike," the official in charge of the operation remarked with delight Tuesday at the end of a first successful six months. The first stage is carried out by human colleagues, who separate organic matter from paper and cans. The organic matter is spread out and 20,000 worms per square meter are set to work. "Their appetite is insatiable, as soon as they get through one pile they start on another," the official said.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Police in Yugoslavia have arrested a five-man group of smugglers which used carrier pigeons carrying drugs in small bags from Turkey and Lebanon, the weekly newspaper *Illustrovana Politika* said Tuesday. The newspaper gave no details of the arrests but said they were made with the help of ornithologists.

LISBON, (AFP) — The two thousand employees of Lisbon's underground system began a three-day strike here Tuesday, which coincides with several other strikes in the country. On the last day, Thursday, of their strike for a new contract, railway workers throughout Portugal as well as tram and bus employees in Lisbon will be on strike.

## Blasts wreck buildings, market in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Jan. 5 (AP) — A dozen bomb explosions rocked the capital and surrounding communities Monday evening, destroying a supermarket, the homes of two Supreme Court justices and other buildings, a police spokesman said. One person was reported injured.

Two explosions wrecked a state-run low-cost housing credit agency and a Volkswagen dealership 30 yards from the U.S. Embassy, but an embassy source said the blasts caused no damage to the embassy building.

Heavy police guards quickly surrounded the embassy and the homes of Justices Jose Jaime Garcia and Rafael Sanchez Rodriguez, preventing reporters from getting near.

A third explosion knocked out a high-tension power line, plunging the suburban residential town of Santa Tecla into darkness. Another explosion destroyed a supermarket in a shopping center near the Camino Real Hotel, where most foreign journalists stay in San Salvador, seriously injuring a man, the police spokesman said.

The spokesman, who asked anonymity for security reasons, blamed the explosions on leftist guerrillas, who have been fighting for power here during the past 27 months. Human rights groups estimate more than 35,000 persons have been killed in the fighting.

The first explosion was heard at about 7:30 p.m. local time (0130 GMT) and the others followed at intervals of two to three minutes.

The firing of rifles and automatic weapons could be heard.

## America to form Caribbean force

NORFOLK, Virginia Jan. 5 (AP) — The U.S. Navy's 2nd Fleet has begun using AWACS, the Air Force's large radar warning plane, to provide greater protection for warships in its Atlantic Ocean operating areas, the fleet commander says.

Vice Adm. James A. Lyons Jr., commander of the Norfolk-based 2nd Fleet, also predicted in a weekend interview that the Navy will increase its presence in the Caribbean, sending two aircraft carriers there from time to time. Lyons did not rule out a permanent Caribbean force, which the Navy has not had in a decade.

The 2nd fleet has about 65 ships and would fight wartime battles in the Atlantic. The airborne warning and control system planes provided naval support in a fall exercise in the north Atlantic and again in a Caribbean exercise that ended in December, Lyons said.

The AWACS, with its sensitive, far-reaching radar, can detect potential enemies at great distances, allowing carriers to send planes up sooner and intercept the enemy "well beyond the range that they'll be able to launch their weapons against us," Lyons said.

The Navy has a radar plane of its own, the carrier-based E-2C Hawkeye, but the AWACS can fly farther and remain on patrol longer.

## France recovers stolen weapons

TOULOUSE, France, Jan. 5 (R) — Police have recovered all the weapons stolen by gangsters from a French military arms depot near Toulouse last November, justice officials said Tuesday.

The robbery created a political scandal over security at military establishments and right-wing political extremists were earlier suspected of having carried out the raid. The 115 submachine guns and four heavy machine guns were found Monday hurried in a field some 50 kras from Foix barracks where they were stolen, the officials said.

A group of about 15 raiders, masked and heavily armed, infiltrated the arms depot on Nov. 21 after overpowering two sentries. They made their getaway in a stolen army truck.

Several known gangsters had been arrested in connection with the raid, including a former conscript at Foix Camp, officials said. The recovery of the stolen arms followed the arrest of two men involved in a holdup who admitted having taken part in the armory raid.



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## To curtail reliance on oil

## Japan launches first unit to use Com Fuel

TOKYO, Jan. 5 (AP) — Resource-poor Japan, which imports 99.8 percent of its oil needs, has launched the world's first project to use "Com Fuel"—a coal-oil mixture—at oil-burning power stations starting in 1984.

Yutaka Ogawa, a spokesman for the semi-governmental Electric Power Development Co. (EPDC), said the pioneering commercial application of Com Fuel is part of an effort to drastically reduce reliance on oil, which now provides 75 percent of the country's energy. It follows several decades of research and experiments in the United States, Canada and other industrial nations.

According to Ogawa, one ton of Com Fuel will contain roughly a half-ton of oil and another half-ton of pulverized coal. Each coal particle will be smaller than 0.1 millimeter in diameter. He said a ton of Com Fuel can

generate 3,953 kilowatts per hour, compared to coal's 3,038 kilowatts and 4,790 kilowatts for oil. Test burning of the fuel began early last year at EPDC's Takebara power station in western Japan. Ogawa said it has been so successful that the Tokyo Power Co., the biggest of Japan's 14 power companies, decided to build a plant later this year capable of producing 900,000 tons of Com Fuel by 1984 and 5 million tons per year in 1988.

The main secret of our Com Fuel is a special additive made from Naphtha. About 0.1 percent of the additive keeps the pulverized coal mixed with oil and proper intensity for about a month without the heavier coal particles sinking," Ogawa said. Japan now consumes 7.7 million barrels of oil per year at 71 thermal power plants. The use of Com Fuel by all the plants would cut oil consumption an estimated 3.1 million barrels a year.

The plants, however, can expect only a "marginal" cut in costs, Ogawa said. He said a ton of Com will be supplied at an estimated cost of 45,200 yen (\$198.20) a ton.

Users will have to remodel oil-burning furnaces as well, although Ogawa said this will cost less than converting plants to coal-only operation. "It is feasible that Com can substitute for oil until Japanese power companies can totally depend on nuclear fuel and other energy sources such as geothermal, sea wave, ocean temperature and solar energy," Ogawa added.

The Japanese government plans to spend \$12.7 billion in the next decade for research and development of other energy sources, including coal liquefaction and gasification.

## Australia, Kuwait ponder cooperation

PERTH, Jan. 5 (AP) — Australian Minister of National Development and Energy John Carrick conferred here Tuesday with Kuwait's Finance and Planning Minister Abdulatif Yousuf al-Hamad on ways of promoting economic and energy cooperation between the two countries.

Government sources said the discussions tackled the world economic and oil situation and the possibility of investing Kuwaiti capital in Australia. Carrick arrived late Monday night for a three-day official visit as part of a Gulf tour.

## Canada's oil output falls 17%

EDMONTON, Canada, Jan. 5 (AP) — Canadian oil production, mainly from Alberta, dropped 17 percent near the end of 1981. National Energy Board figures show. Board statistics, based on refinery receipts for November, show a drop in oil production of 268,000 barrels a day from November, 1980.

The slump exceeded declines earlier in 1981. The drop in average daily production for the first 11 months was 177,000 barrels or 12 percent. Government officials and oil

industry spokesmen have attributed part of the slackened demand to refiners' greater reliance on imported crude oil. Many refineries signed long-term supply contracts to avoid shortages in the event of continued Alberta cuts.

But energy board figures indicate the refineries took in relatively little extra imported crude. For the first 11 months, the average daily imports were up 25,000 barrels, or 5.8 percent, from the same period in 1980.

## China bans village oil refineries

PEKING, Jan. 5 (AP) — China's government has ordered small, homemade oil refineries to halt operations, calling them backward, wasteful, dirty and unsafe, the official Xinhua news agency reported Monday.

Many of these refineries have been set up by rural communes in areas near major oil fields and use spilled or stolen oil, Xinhua

said. It said the government order also warned against criminals sabotaging oil production, and stealing, hoarding and selling oil at exorbitant prices.

The order banned outsiders from taking spilled oil away from oil fields, it added. The order also restricted operations of small-scale refineries and told them to improve their technique, management and product quality. Xinhua reported.

## Brazil's tight economic policy to stay

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 5 (R) — Brazil's military-led government is likely to maintain the country's tight economic policies in 1982 after drawing up new voting rules expected to ensure success for its supporters in November elections.

Some economists had expected the military, which has ruled the world's most indebted nation since 1964, to relax monetary and fiscal policies to boost employment and help the pro-government Social Democratic Party (PDS) at the polls. But vote-catching measures are no longer expected after President Joao Figueiredo announced a package of electoral rules in November which most commentators believe will virtually guarantee victory for the PDS.

The following month the National Monetary Council, the nation's top economic policy-making body, decided that the basic outlines of economic policy would remain unchanged in 1982. The council set the same limits for expansion of money and credit for 1982 as for last year.

Economists say this will do little to help the millions of unemployed Brazilians, though inflation should fall and the balance of payments improve as a result of import restrictions.

Unemployment has become a major social problem. High economic growth previously helped provide jobs for the booming population, but in 1981 the economy grew hardly at all, its worst performance since

World War II, and per capita income fell. With the elections only a year away, PDS members became uneasy that the unpopularity of the government's economic policy would hurt them at the polls.

Public opinion surveys predicted victory for the opposition and PDS officials began calling for deflation and job-creation measures. But the so-called November package, drawn up by Gen. Figueiredo, the fifth military president since 1964, changed the picture completely.

The new rules ban coalitions and stipulate that a party can enter the elections in areas only where it has candidates for all the different posts — for both houses of congress, state governors and assemblies and municipal officials.

Commentators agree the rules clearly favor the PDS, the only reasonably well-organized and well-funded party in Brazil. The fragmented opposition immediately denounced the package and its two largest parties announced in December they were merging to counter the measure.

Gen. Figueiredo extended Congress into the summer recess to debate the new rules but the opposition deputies and senators refused to cooperate. The PDS rejected all 171 proposed amendments in committee and is not putting the bill to the vote of the full houses to avoid possible upsets. As presidential hills automatically become law after 40 days unless voted out, the package

should become law Jan. 10.

With a PDS victory virtually assured, economists said Planning Minister and Economic Chief Antonio Difim Netto had a free hand to deal with inflation and the country's \$61 billion foreign debt.

The National Monetary Council fixed a 50 percent limit for the growth of the monetary base and the money supply, the same as in 1981. In effect, this gives slightly more leeway to the economy as inflation is expected to decline to about 80 percent from last year's 95 percent rate.

The government expects the economy to grow by four or five percent this year, well up on 1981's near zero rate, but below the levels of boom years of the past two decades. Economist Reinaldo Gonçalves believes however, that repayment of foreign debts is likely to be the main factor influencing domestic economic policy for several years.

Gonçalves told Reuters the government has heavily geared internal economic policy to the needs of the external sector, particularly the necessity of building a strong trade surplus and attracting foreign loans. Officials say exports will continue to be a priority and the government hopes its tight monetary and fiscal policies will boost the trade surplus to \$3 billion in 1982 from \$1.2 billion last year.

The Central Bank says it hopes exports will total \$28 billion, compared with \$23.5 billion last year.

## Aborted coup hits tourist traffic to Seychelles

VICTORIA, Seychelles, Jan. 5 (AP) — The tourist-based economy of these remote islands in the Indian Ocean has suffered a sharp setback because of an abortive coup bid at the end of last November. But business shows signs of rebounding as the small island nation is making long-term efforts to reduce its dependence on tourism.

The tourist industry now provides about 45 percent of the Seychelles' gross national product. Even before the coup attempt, it had been hit over the past three years by the world economic slump and high oil prices, which increased the cost of getting there.

The number of tourists visiting the Seychelles in 1981 was down 12 percent from 1980, when 58,015 persons vacationed here. This "affected almost every facet of economic activity," The Seychelles have been trying to attract tourists from more parts of the world, particularly Japan. About 64 percent of tourists now come from Europe, where economic problems have been severe. So far, however, the recruiting of tourists from other areas has had little success.

Meanwhile, the authorities are busy trying to diversify the economy to reduce its dependence on tourism. The government has brought in Spanish and West German specialists to help develop the fishing industry. The United States is providing \$1.5 million over 1981-83 to help develop hardy strains of fruits and vegetables to reduce the need for imported food.

The American oil giant AMOCO has explored for oil and natural gas in Seychelles' waters. But the full results are not yet in.

The islands' products are copra, frozen fish, guano and cinnamon bark. But as money-makers, none can approach tourism, which in 1980 brought in gross receipts of around \$65 million, according to the Chamber of Commerce.

Though professing nominal socialism, Seychelles has been careful not to discourage tourism and foreign investment. There are no foreign exchange controls and dividend and interest income are tax-free. One local businessman described the corporate tax rate of 35 percent as "fairly reasonable."

"Tourism is our major industry and it will remain our major industry for quite a long time," Guy Morel, principal secretary in the finance ministry, said in an interview.

## Unemployment in France shows increase

PARIS, Jan. 5 (R) — Unemployment soared in France during 1981, a year in which a Socialist government came to power with creation of jobs as its top priority, according to figures published here.

The National Employment Agency said Monday 2,019,000 persons were registered as unemployed at the end of December, an increase of 23.7 percent for the year. The agency also said its preliminary seasonally-adjusted figures showed unemployment rose 0.1 percent in December compared with the previous month.

This means that about eight percent of the workforce were without jobs in spite of government policy of expanding the economy through higher public spending and borrowing. Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy said in September that government's prime objective was "to put the whole of France back at work."

## Mexico cuts price of heavy crude

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 5 (AP) — Mexico reduced the price of its heavy crude oil by \$2 a barrel effective Jan. 1 "because of unfavorable market conditions prevailing for this type of oil," a spokesman for the state petroleum monopoly Pemex announced Monday.

Pemex spokesman Miguel Tomassint said in a telephone interview the type of crude, used in making heating oil and lubricants, was lowered to \$26.50 a barrel, but the lighter-weight Isthmus, for which there is still worldwide demand, will remain at \$35 a barrel.

Mexico, which is not a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, has not modified its prices since Nov. 1. The country is the world's fourth largest in oil reserves after the Soviet Union, Saudi Arabia and the United States, and exports an average of 1.3 million barrels a day out of a total production of 2.7 million barrels.

## Indonesia facing marketing problem

JAKARTA, Jan. 5 (AFP) — Indonesia will have to find new openings for its oil exports in 1982 because its current foreign markets are closing up more and more as a result of the world economic recession, former Economy Minister Rachmat Muljono said Monday.

Muljono, who is also a member of the parliamentary mines and energy commission, said the oil importing countries were turning to the oil-producing countries closer to them because of transport costs.

He said Indonesian oil prices had to be readjusted to become more competitive.

The first presidential decree this year, ordering an average 65 percent increase in fuel prices from Monday, ay, is an unpopular measure, but fits in with the recent call from Finance Minister Ali Wardhana for "belt-tightening" from this year on.

## Sierra Leone using glitter of diamonds to lure tourists

FREETOWN, Jan. 5 (AFP) — Sierra Leone is using diamonds as a glittering lure to hook the tourist.

This compact West Coast Republic, the seventh smallest African state, is the world's fifth biggest producer of diamonds. Diamonds now represent 60 percent of the country's gross national product. At Sefadu, in the inland eastern province, curvatures of the spine is reputedly prevalent among inhabitants—a deformity said to be acquired by habitually walking in a bent posture while scanning the ground for loose diamonds.

So virulent is the diamond fever that householders there are liable to excavate recklessly beneath the foundation of their own homes, since the chances of unearthing the precious stuff even in surface soil are not negligible.

A stone's throw from Sefadu are the big diamond mines of Yengema, the center of the industry in Sierra Leone. Yengema, with its dusty wasteland of craters gouged by digging machinery, has lately begun to figure on the itineraries of the tourists agencies here — a

novel counter-attraction to the miles of impeccable Atlantic beaches near the capital.

It was only in 1935, the British geologist, J.D. Polci, located Sierra Leone's first diamond deposits and it is only in the past few years that a potentially almost limitless tourist industry has begun to be developed. The climate, in October to May is ideal, with a mean temperatures of 80 degrees Fahrenheit that varies very little. The mountain scenery and long beaches in the capital are attractive, and the people hospitable and open-minded.

Tourism could in time provide Sierra Leone with its second biggest source of revenue after diamonds, and a French-run tourist agency is beginning to link the two with offers of tours of Yengema. Previously, Sierra Leone's chief wealth had derived from bauxite and iron ore, which are still exploited. Yet the country's beginnings were anything but prosperous.

The history of modern Sierra Leone dates from 1787 when Granville Yharp and other English abolitionists founded the Sierra Leone company to settle freed African slaves in and around Freetown.

## Antigua, Barbuda to seek OPEC aid

ST. JOHN'S Antigua, Jan. 5 (R) — The government of newly-independent Antigua and Barbuda in the Caribbean says it intends to tap non-traditional sources of aid for funds to accelerate the islands' development.

Officials of Prime Minister Vere Bird's administration said the sources include the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and West Germany. OPEC has made a number of loans to English-speaking Caribbean countries, but neither the organization nor West Germany is a major source of assistance for the region. The major foreign aid donors in the area are Canada, the United States, and Britain — all of which have reassessed their aid programs because of financial problems at home.

Government officials here said the two islands' chances of getting OPEC or West German aid had improved since they became independent of Britain Nov. 1. OPEC and

West Germany, like Japan and some Scandinavian countries, do not give assistance to colonies or associated states.

The Antigua and Barbuda government says it is not limiting the hunt to hard cash. "We must explore the possibility of technical assistance from larger countries in helping us to develop appropriate technology," Prime Minister Vere Bird said.

The islands have applied for membership of a number of major Western aid agencies, including the International Monetary Fund (IMF) the World Bank, and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Membership would put the two small Caribbean islands in line for balance of payments support, soft loans, and technical assistance. The new state is also a member of the Barbados-based Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), through which a number of Western agencies channel aid to the Caribbean.

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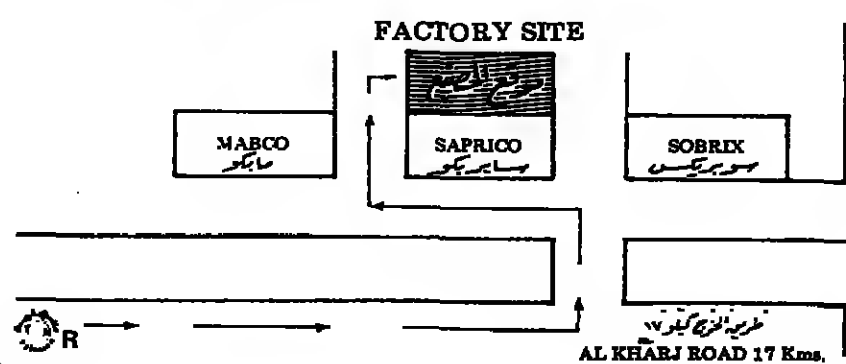
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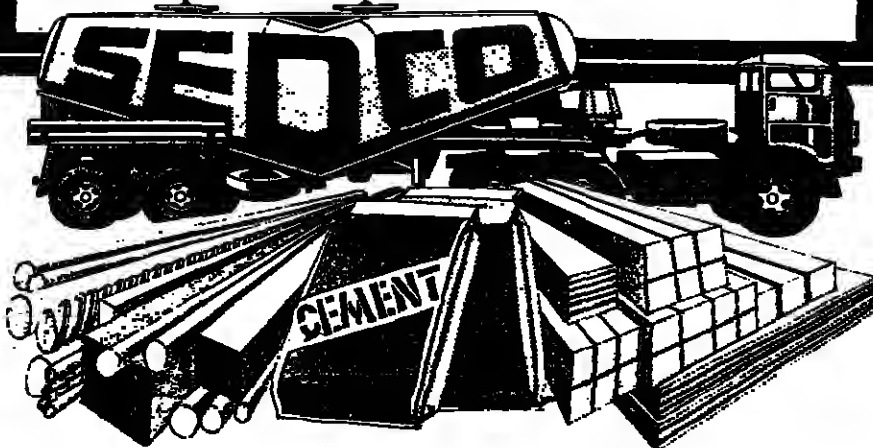
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'Will outpace U.S., Europe combined'

Asia's growth outlook brightens

SINGAPORE, Jan. 5 (AP) — Developing Asia's economic growth in 1982 will outpace the United States and Europe combined, Chemical Bank said in a report called *Asian Economic Trend*, released Tuesday.

The increase in real gross national product of developing Asia of about \$45 billion, will surpass the rise in gross national product of the United States, Canada and Europe, the report said. The Asian region's gross national product — including Japan, Australia and New Zealand — is expected to rise by about \$90 billion, the report added.

One of the key factors in Asia's prospects for 1982 is an expected modest economic upturn in the United States and Europe after the recession in 1981. Although the rich countries recovery will be modest in 1982, demand for Asia's exports in the second half of the year will stimulate growth in the Asian region, the report added.

Improvement in commodity prices and the stable oil prices at \$34 per barrel will benefit Asian countries in raising their external incomes to stimulate economic growth. The Chemical Bank's report said developing Asia will achieve a growth rate of 5.7 percent compared to Japan, Australia and New Zealand's 3.7 percent.

Through recent growth has been due to exports, Japan's domestic demand influence by low interest rates and inflation will pick up in the second half of 1982, the report said.

Singapore and Hong Kong are expected to record the highest rates of growth at 10 percent. Indonesia and Malaysia, major oil producers of the region, should expand by about 7.5 percent and Taiwan also at 7.5 percent. China's economic growth should accelerate this year as heavy industry revives.

India, Pakistan, the Philippines and Sri Lanka should grow at moderately strong rates and continue economic reforms. Improved export growth, domestic demand and investment will help South Korea's growth.

The developing Asian countries should experience a more marked improvement in their inflation rates from 9.2 percent last year to 7.6 percent this year, the report said. Balance of payments of Asian countries will not improve due to strong deterioration in 1981. The current account of the region will be in deficit by an estimated \$22 billion from \$20.5 billion.

Iran to import essentials only

BEIRUT, Jan. 5 (AP) — An Iranian government spokesman said Tuesday his country would import only food, medicine and industrial goods in an effort to save dwindling hard currency reserves, as official reports showed a two percent rise last month in wholesale prices. Tehran radio, quoting Ahmad Tavakoli, minister of labor and official spokesman, said hard currency letters of credit for imports would only be given for foodstuffs, medicine, agricultural goods and industrial products that create jobs.

Speaking to local reporters in Tehran, Tavakoli said since the 1979 revolution 18 percent of Iran's trade with the West has been eliminated and replaced with deals with Third-World countries.

"We have banned the import of luxury items," he said. He accused the regime of the late Shah of catering to the upper classes by speeding Iran's petrodollars on luxury consumer goods. "We will, from now on, spend our money on necessary goods," he added.

Before the revolution Iranian markets were flooded with consumer goods imported from the West, ranging from French fashions to American-made potato chips. After the revolution foreign-made items such as clothing, sports equipment, cosmetics and photo supplies disappeared from shop shelves. Medicine and foodstuffs were among the few imported items still seen in Tehran markets.

U.S. farmers expect fall in incomes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AFP) — United States farmers are anticipating their third successive lean year in 1982 as falling revenue and higher debts mop up the benefits of flourishing harvests.

The result is growing U.S. hostility to European farm subsidies, as well as pressure from U.S. farmers against any plans to impose grain embargoes on the Soviet Union because of the Polish crisis. The farmers expect their revenue to drop to at most \$18 billion down from \$26.8 billion in 1979, and their indebtedness is understood to have jumped 30 percent in two years to reach \$180 billion.

The prices that U.S. farmers got for their products last month were 13 percent lower than they were in December 1980. Farming costs over the same period rose more than four percent.

Talks on Polish debts set Friday

FRANKFURT, Jan. 5 (R) — A special working group of Western banks will tackle the problem of Polish commercial debt falling due in 1982 when they meet in London Friday but little alternative is seen to continued patience, banking sources said here Tuesday.

Since last March, a gentlemen's agreement between Poland and 500 Western bank creditors has meant no repayments of principal have been demanded on Warsaw's 1981 obligations, pending the signing of an agreement rescheduling the \$2.4 billion of debt that fell due last year.

Australian seamen withdraw strike call

SYDNEY, Jan. 5 (R) — Australia's waterfront unions Tuesday withdrew a threat to call a national dock strike.

The move followed an ultimatum to return to work by Thursday or be sacked from employers to 500 maintenance men whose wage dispute has crippled the major ports of Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Fremantle. The strikers meet Wednesday to discuss the ultimatum announced Tuesday by David Lindsay, executive director of the Association of Employers of Waterside Labor. The strikers want a \$40 rise. The employers' latest offer is \$30.

China plans search for onshore oil

PEKING, Jan. 5 (R) — China is to begin an intensive search for onshore oil and gas this year after completing survey work in promising offshore areas, the New China News Agency (NCNA) said Tuesday. China produces some two million barrels of oil daily, rather more than Britain gets from the North Sea. But Chinese output has declined slightly since 1980 and the country urgently needs to tap new fields to meet rising demand.

Bids for drilling in coastal waters by foreign companies are expected to open within a few months. But NCNA said deposits on land, where new exploration would be concentrated, contained two-thirds of China's petroleum reserves. NCNA quoted Deputy Geology Minister Sai Feng as saying that major efforts would be made during the next three to five years in the southwestern province of Sichuan, and the southern Songliao plain in north China.

NCNA put total Chinese reserves at between 220 and 440 billion barrels. But oil industry experts said the Chinese figures should not be interpreted over-optimistically as much survey work remained to be done.

Chrysler, Ford produce more

DETROIT, Jan. 5 (R) — Two of the big three U.S. carmakers have reported that they produced more cars in 1981 than in the previous year.

Chrysler said its production rose from 638,973 to 749,687 cars last year and Ford reported output up from 1,306,949 to 1,320,197 cars last year. But General Motors, the industry leader, said its domestic production fell from 4,004,556 cars in 1980 to 3,903,967 in 1981. American Motors Corporation said its car production fell from 164,725 to 109,319 last year.

Chrysler was the only company to report a rise in production last month. It said its U.S. plants turned out 37,153 cars in December compared with 31,906 in the same month in 1980. GM production in December fell from 302,179 to 246,820. Ford output dropped from 111,626 to 50,544 and AMC's production was down from 8,226 to 5,034.

None of the manufacturers has yet reported car sales figures for last year.

Dollar regains lost ground

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 — After falling back against most major currencies Monday, the American dollar did a sharp turn around and regained nearly all lost ground Tuesday. Once again, the major factor was dollar interest rates which firmed by as much as ¼ to ½ percent in the shorter tenors. With the Federal Reserve Bank in New York signaling to the markets that Monday's dollar interest rate falls were too sharp, the money markets began to push up dollar interest rates. Federal Reserve "Fed Funds" rates closed at 13¼ percent level Monday night, up by ¼ percent over earlier trading levels.

At the same time, the release of the U.S. weekly money supply figures which revealed a rise of \$1.4 billion in the last reporting week helped to give further momentum to dollar rate firmness. In the bullion markets, gold and silver continued to trade in thin dealings with gold still hovering around the \$400 per ounce level. On Tuesday, gold was trading at \$394 level at one stage.

Tuesday was also a riskier trading day for the local markets which saw a firming of rial deposit levels, especially in the short dates. The local exchange markets were reported active too with spot rial/dollar levels reaching 3.4210-15 by close of business as demand for the dollar picked up. This compares with 3.4195-05 on Monday.

Eurodollar interest rates were still the key factor in the dollar's switch around Tuesday. With one month Eurodollar levels at 13 5/16-13 7/16 percent, levels compared with Monday's 12 13/16-12 15/16 percent levels, the dollar looked attractive once again. Medium and long-term deposits also went up, taking the three month Euro level to 13½-13¾ percent and the one year to 14½-14¾ percent. The one year level was trading at 14½-14¾ percent Monday. The other major factor contributing to the dollar's rise was the belief by dealers that Monday's falls had gone too far and that certain continental currencies had become "overvalued". Sometimes, the bourse participants get this "gut feeling" on certain currency values and one a chain reaction of selling or buying starts it is very quickly spread to the rest of the markets.

Sterling was the first to fall, after closing at 1.9360 levels in New York Monday night. It traded at 1.9180 levels Tuesday while the French franc also fell back from 5.6530 to 5.7190 on Tuesday. The Bundesbank made some half-hearted attempts to support the German mark but the German currency fell back to 2.2540 levels from Monday's 2.2260. The Swiss franc and Japanese yen also fell back, the former to 1.8050 (from 1.7840) and the latter to 219.20 (from 217.60).

The local exchanges were similarly affected. Spot rial/dollar rates which had opened cautiously at 3.4195-05, soon went up to 3.4200-10 and later to 3.4210-15 as demand for dollars picked up. Rial deposit rates also firmed and reversed Monday's falling rate trends. One month rial rates were quoted at 9-9½ percent Tuesday compared with 8-8½ percent Monday, while week fixed rates went up to 8½-9 percent from Monday's 7-8 percent. The longer periods continued to remain stable with one year deposit levels being quoted at 12¼-12½ percent. Once again most activity concentrated in the short periods.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	404.75
Paris	404.89
Frankfurt	403.00
Zurich	403.50
Hong Kong	403.92

Foreign Exchange Rates

	Quoted at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.25
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	86.10
Canadian Dollar	—	288.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	151.75	151.55
Dutch Guilder (100)	138.00	138.45
Egyptian Pound	3.50	3.55
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.15
French Franc (100)	59.90	59.75
Greek Drachma (1,000)	55.00	60.30
Indian Rupee (100)	—	37.55
Iranian Rial (100)	6.50	—
Israeli Lira (10,000)	28.70	28.40
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	15.60
Jordanian Dinar	10.15	10.11
Kuwait Dinar	12.16	12.15
Lebanese Lira (100)	74.40	73.90
Moroccan Dirham (100)	60.50	64.60
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.68
Philippines Peso (100)	—	42.25
Pound Sterling	6.58	6.56
Qatari Rial (100)	94.00	94.05
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	165.25
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	35.35
Swiss Franc (100)	189.75	189.55
Syrian Lira (100)	58.70	63.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.429	3.422
U.S. Dollar	75.00	74.90
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	—

	Selling Price	Buying Price
Gold kg.	44,350	44,150
10 Tolas bar	5,200	5,150
Ounce	1,400	1,375

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Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd., P.O. Box 6474, Tel. 6653986, Jeddah.

London commodities

	Tuesday	Monday
Gold (\$ per ounce)	403.50	395.50
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	434.00	418.50
3 months	449.00	434.75
Copper cash	858.00	856.50
3 months	888.00	884.75
Tin cash	8300.00	8315.00
3 months	7885.00	7875.00
Lead cash	356.00	351.50
3 months	371.00	365.50
Zinc cash	455.00	447.50
3 months	468.00	460.50
Aluminium cash	588.00	586.50
3 months	613.00	611.75
Nickel cash	2880.00	2825.00
3 months	2944.00	2875.00
Sugar March	167.50	169.90
May	169.00	170.75
Coffee January	1157.00	1151.00
March	1147.00	1141.00
Cocoa March	1213.00	1169.00
May	1207.00	1175.00

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones building No. 1. Saudi Telephone (Eastern Province)	Renovation of Damman	81086	200	13-1-82
Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments	Renovations; building a fence and a new gate and other works at the ministry building in Mena.	—	—	16-1-82

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Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arri.
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4	Lago	Alsaada	Rice/Paper/General	31-12-81
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30	Al Shamiah	Star	Durra	30-12-81
31	Axis — 1	El Hawi	Timber/General	02-01-82
32	Brenda	Bamaodah	Wheat/Barley	22-12-81
33	Midas Seine	Bamaodah	Bagged Barley	02-01-82
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Thousands jobless U.S. home appliances sales drop

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (R) — A sudden drop in sales of home appliances has thrown thousands of Americans out of work in recent weeks as the industry reels under the impact of the U.S. recession.

Industry analysts said Tuesday the immediate outlook was gloomy for makers of washing machines, refrigerators and other large appliances. Their sales suddenly dropped in October after three quarters of unusually strong business, and analysts blame high interest rates and a moribund housing construction industry.

Consumers postponed purchases on credit because of high interest rates, which also caused retailers to cut inventories. Manufacturers reduced production as their stocks swelled and laid off workers. The General Electric Company said it had laid off 1,700 workers indefinitely and sent home 10,000 more for the whole of December. Other firms have laid off staff, and extended by a week or two the holiday closure of factories.

High interest rates, the result of tight money policies of the federal reserve, the U.S. Central Bank, are blamed for much American unemployment. They have made borrowing more expensive for both businessmen and consumers.

Wall Street economists believe the jobless rate could rise to 10 percent of the labor force in 1982 from 8.4 percent in November when nine million persons were out of work. The appliance industry estimates it produced 28.5 million units last year, up 1.3 percent from 1980. But a 22 percent increase in output of microwave ovens, to about four million units, disguised declining sales of other major appliances.

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## Peter's hat-trick of no avail

## Australia downs Holland in thrilling match

By G.K. Menon  
Special Correspondent

BOMBAY, Jan. 5 — Hockey rose to dizzy heights as the battle for the top two places from the respective pools reached fever pitch leaving only two teams unscathed in the Fifth World Cup Hockey Tournament here Tuesday.

And the team to produce its best was Australia, who took the lead, only to surrender it and then surge back to snatch full points from the Netherlands. The 3-2 victory it carved out saw it displacing Pool 'B' leaders Netherlands from the top, and remain the only team with clean record in the pool.

Pakistan displayed its superiority over the other teams in Pool 'A' with a 5-3 win over West Germany. But Pakistan had to quell the spirited fightback of the Germans, who trailing 2-0 at half-time, rallied strongly in the second session. The feature of this fast-paced encounter was a hat-trick by West Germany's skipper Michael Peter, who led the German rally. This was the second hat-trick of the tournament.

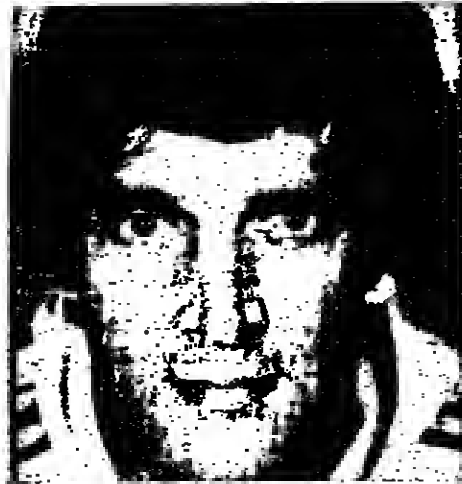
Another inspired performance came from Argentina, who displayed its true colors. Argentina shirked off its prodigious mood to defeat New Zealand 5-3 for its first win in Pool 'A'. The other action of the day saw England prevail by a solitary goal over Malaysia in Pool 'B'.

For sheer excitement and even good brand of hockey the tussle between Australia and the Netherlands rated high. The team from Down Under had not created much of an impression in its earlier games. But they rose to full stature Tuesday with a pleasing blend of Asian and European hockey. The clever use of the long through diagonal passes were a treat to watch as its trapping and fluid movements.

It had greater advances to the circle and had three penalty-corner attempts before it forged into the lead. Davies proved unerring with his stiff penalty-corner essay three



Michael Peter ... records hat-trick



Paul Litjens ... strikes a bad patch

At a glance													
Pool 'A'						Pool 'B'							
Pakistan	5	West Germany	3	Australia	3	Netherlands	2						
Argentina	5	New Zealand	3	England	3	Malaysia	0						
How they stand													
Pool 'A'						Pool 'B'							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Pakistan	4	4	0	11	27	8	Australia	4	4	0	11	4	8
West Germany	4	3	0	1	12	9	Netherlands	4	3	0	1	15	9
Poland	3	2	0	1	6	6	India	3	2	1	1	16	4
Argentina	4	1	0	3	7	13	England	4	1	1	2	4	9
New Zealand	4	1	0	3	9	19	Soviet Union	3	0	1	2	5	11
Spain	3	0	0	3	1	7	Malaysia	4	0	0	4	3	13

minutes before the breather.

The Dutchmen came back from the break in an attacking mood and its sustained efforts fetched rich dividends. Netherlands, in a four-minute period, had swung the advantage back in its favor. Paul Litjens hit a penalty-corner award past goalkeeper G. Reid. The equalizer came in the second minute of the second-half. And four minutes later came a penalty stroke award. Defender David Bell was penalized for blocking the speedy Bouwmann from working his way into the striking area, and substitute Kruijs made no mistake from the spot.

The match then touched a new high with Australia, now, trouncing on the heat. Australia steamrolled the Netherlands defense with streamlined moves and one brilliant move culminated in the equalizer. Haselhurst, cut in beautifully to cash in on a Bell pass to beat the onrushing custodian Clausius with a superb push in the 12th minute. Terry Walsh should have put Australia ahead immediately. But the off-color Walsh sent the ball over.

But Australia were not to be denied victory. Craig Davies once again crashed the boards, the fourth penalty-corner award of

the session, for Australia's third goal, which proved to be the match-winner. Try as hard as it did, Netherlands failed to find the equalizer. Paul Litjens failed to be on mark on three occasions.

With Pakistan sparkling with its Asian type of hockey, and Germany displaying the European type, the match provided contrasting but superb maneuvers. Pakistan enjoyed a 3-0 lead at the break but these goals came only four minutes before the interval. Winger Kalimullah laid a good pass to Hanif. The diminutive forward was obstructed just on entering the circle and the resultant penalty stroke was scooped home by Kalimullah. And minutes before the interval came Samiullah's opportunistic goal. Samiullah capitalized on a defensive lapse.

The Germans came back with renewed vigor in the second-half and they nearly equalized the score. Michael Peter scored three in succession following penalty-corner awards, but could not beat the Pakistan defense with the next two which followed. In between Pakistan had gone further ahead with two goals by Hassan Sardar. Samiullah again showed his opportunism when he pounced on a Manzur's penalty-corner drive to slam home a minute before the hooter.

Argentina functioned cohesively and finished splendidly. It enjoyed a 5-1 lead in the match before New Zealand reduced the margin by banging in two. Pazos Marcello, Gorroffo, Gonzalez, Mascheroni and Gonzalez struck in that order, while Parkins, Ramesh Patel and Miskimmins scored for New Zealand.

Malaysian goalkeeper Zulfikri Abbas was seriously injured when a Paul Barber's penalty-corner drive hit him smack on the forehead. Abbas was immediately rushed to hospital.

WEDNESDAY'S FIXTURES: Pool 'A': Spain vs Argentina; Poland vs New Zealand. Pool 'B': India vs England; Malaysia vs Soviet Union.

## Brazil tops world soccer standings

PARIS, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — Brazil are the world's top football side for 1981 and West Germany Europe's best, according to the findings of the French football weekly *France Football*.

The placings were based on results during the year, which included qualifications matches for next year's World Cup finals in Spain.

In Manchester, England international winger Steve Coppell Monday signed a new five-year contract which will keep him with First Division Manchester United until he is 31.

The move ended rumors that United might try to sell Coppell to recruit some of the 1.5 million sterling they shelled out last year to acquire Bryan Robson. Britain's costliest footballer, from West Bromwich Albion.

Coppell, 26, said: "There were a few minor details to be sorted out but I never really wanted to play for anyone else."

Meanwhile, Boca Juniors, Argentina's championship soccer team that boasts phenomenon Diego Maradona, left Buenos Aires on Monday for a tour that includes games in Los Angeles and Tokyo.

Maradona, 21, the nation's premier player, is considered the key to Argentina's chances of successfully defending its World Cup Championship in Spain next June.

## Soccer results

English Cup (2nd round)		
Hull City	2	Harlepool 0
Burnley	2	Bury 1
English Cup (3rd round)		
Newcastle	1	Colchester 1
Scottish F.A. Cup		
East Fife	4	Stranraer 1

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## Chicago Bears sack head coach Armstrong

CHICAGO, Jan. 5. (Agencies) — The Chicago Bears announced Monday that four-year head coach Neil Armstrong had been "relieved of his duties" by club owner George Halas and general manager Jim Finks.

The firing of Armstrong had been expected after Chicago finished in the NFC Central Division cellar in the 1981 season with a 6-10 record. The dismissal came several days after Halas had asked and received permission from the Dallas Cowboys to talk to assistant coach Mike Ditka about the Bears' head coaching job.

In a terse statement, Armstrong expressed his disappointment about the firing.

"I've been in this business as a coach for 27 years and I've never lost a job before," said Armstrong, 55, who compiled a 30-34 record during his four years with the Bears.

Halas and Finks met with Armstrong early Monday morning to inform the coach of the decision. Armstrong had one year remaining on his current contract with the



Neil Armstrong Bears. Neither Finks or Halas was immediately available for comment.

Finks himself had been the speculation that he would also be dismissed but no indication was given as to the general manager's future with the team. Finks was to have met

with Halas to discuss his role regarding control of the team's operation.

Ditka indicated last week he was interested in the Bears' post would wait until Dallas either won the Super Bowl or was eliminated in the playoffs before meeting with the former Bears' tight end.

Meanwhile, Miami Dolphin defensive end Vern Herder says he thinks it's time to retire. But coach Don Shula says if Herder decides he'd like to play one more season, the door is open.

Junior forward Joe Dykstra scored 32 points and smashed the NCAA consecutive free throw record Monday night in leading Western Illinois to a 100-84 win over Eastern Kentucky. Dykstra struck for eight charity shots to hike his string to 64 four better than the 1967 record set by Bob Lloyd of Rutgers.

The New York Islanders defeated the Vancouver Canucks, 4-1, in the only professional hockey game played Monday night.

## Russia will be a hard nut to crack in Spain

MOSCOW, Jan. 5 (R) — Soviet Union soccer sides of the past have tended to be hard to beat and even harder to watch.

Their highly-disciplined and methodical approach may have appealed to a chess grandmaster but it was painful viewing to those who believe the most important ingredients of any great side are invention and flair.

All that has changed under national coach Konstantin Beskov and the Soviet Union should be one of the delights of the World Cup in Spain this summer. Beskov, who took charge in 1979, has built an exciting side

around the individual brilliance of European Cup-winners Cup holders Dinamo Tbilisi and the strength and team-work of league champions Dinamo Kiev.

That mixture took the Soviet Union through their eight Group Three qualifying games unbeaten, scoring 20 goals and conceding just two. Their renaissance also earned them three of the top 10 places in the 1981 European footballer of the year poll. Kiev winger Oleg Blokhin took fifth place with Tbilisi duo Ramaz Shengelia and Alexander Chivadze seventh and eighth respectively.

In the bad old days, the Soviet Union were content to snuff out opposing danger men. The presence of Blokhin, Shengelia, Chivadze and midfield maestro David Kipiani means it is the opposition who now do the worrying. Blokhin, European footballer of the year in 1975, and Shengelia have emerged as a deadly combination.

The years have failed to blunt Blokhin's speed and dribbling skill, while the 24-year-old Shengelia could be one of the sensations in Spain. He was top scorer in the Soviet Union with 23 goals, scored seven in Tbilisi's Cup-Winners' Cup run, and notched another five in the World Cup qualifiers.

Shengelia has admitted that he once tried to imitate Mueller's style but added: "Football has changed. Mueller's only task was to score goals. Today, no matter which position

you play, you have to be able to pass, dribble, tackle, make space and still find time to score."

Both frontrunners can count on superb service from midfield where Kiev's Leonid Buryak and Tbilisi's Kipiani dictate every move. The stooped and balding Kipiani, back in training after breaking a leg at the start of last season, does not look like an athlete. But there is no finer exponent of the 40-meter pass and his deceptive speed on the break poses a constant threat.

Buryak is the king of the set-pieces with an uncanny knack of landing the ball on the head of a team-mate in a packed goalmouth.

Beskov is blessed with an abundance of midfield talent and Yuri Gavrilov of Spartak Moscow, Tbilisi's Vitaly Daraselia and Vladimir Bessonov of Kiev are all pushing for places in the side.

Despite their new attacking outlook, the Soviet Union's defense remains an ungenerous unit. Sweeper Chivadze marshals the back four with cool authority and provides the inspiration for fellow defenders Anatoly Demyanenko and Sergei Baltacha, both of Kiev, and Tengiz Sulakvelidze of Tbilisi.

The only question mark hangs over the goalkeeping spot. Renat Dasayev has been a regular since 1978, but he is no Lev Yashin and came under criticism when he conceded four goals for Moscow Spartak against Kaiserslautern of West Germany in the UEFA Cup.

## Jockeying in the game of fame and fortune

PARIS, Jan. 5. (AFP) — Lester Piggott gained his 10th jockey of the year title after a nine-year lapse in Britain where Derby winner Shergar was the outstanding horse of the year but 1981 will be remembered by many people for the exploits of Bob Champion and Gary Moore.

Champion, out of the saddle for a year when fighting a desperate battle against cancer, rode Aidaniti to a tremendous win in the world's toughest steeplechase—the Grand National at the Aintree course near Liverpool, England, in April. Aidaniti, himself only returned from a lengthy lay-off with leg trouble, and champion's performance was the most heartening of the year.

Moore, an Australian jockey riding in Hong Kong, flew into Paris in the early hours on Oct. 4 after a 14-hour flight and then rode a gem of a race to win the Prix De L'Arc De Triomphe on Gold River.

Moore, whose father George won the Arc on St. Crispin III in 1959, was only offered the ride when trainer Alec Head's jockey son suffered illness. One person's bad luck was another's good fortune. It was the sixth time in 10 years a filly has won this great race and Head has now trained four Arc winners.

Piggott, whose champion jockey title owned as much to defending champion Wilks Carson's fractured skull in a terrible fall at York in August as to his own sterling qual-

ities, could do no better than finish fifth in the Arc on Gold Cup winner Adross. Adross made amends three weeks later, however, when Piggott scored a double in the last major meeting of the season at Longchamp. Piggott rode Adross to victory in the Prix



Lester Piggott... going great guns

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David Gower... the top scorer



Keith Fletcher... an unbeaten knock

Gower, Fletcher in century stand  
Batsmen put England in commanding position

CALCUTTA, Jan. 5 (AFP) — England threw out a bold challenge to India to score 306 runs in five hours and the 20 mandatory overs for victory as they declared their second innings at 265 for five, 40 minutes before close on the penultimate day of the fourth Cricket Test here Tuesday.

India in their second innings scored five without loss in the half hour's batting left to leave them needing 301 runs for a win in a full day Wednesday.

For the first time in the current series the England batsmen came out of their shells to hit out, moving the scoreboard steadily. The visitors started the day scoring 45 runs in the first hour and then took the score to 129 for three at lunch.

While Gooch (63) and Chris Tavaré (25) dominated the early part of play it was left to left-hander David Gower (74), Ian Botham (31) and skipper Keith Fletcher (60 not out) to hammer the Indian bowlers and place England well on top.

Gower's 74, the highest of the match, was a mixture of caution and aggression and just as he looked well set for a ton he was run out as both he and Fletcher stood at the same crease as he tried to get a second run off his own strike.

But before that Gower and Fletcher had built up a solid 105-run partnership for the fifth-wicket. Fletcher remained unbeaten with 60 after reaching his 18th 50 in 56 Tests. It was Gower's 10th 50 in 35 Tests.

The Indian captain complained to the umpires during Fletcher's batting that the batsman was damaging the pitch deliberately with his bat. But that was turned down.

Toward close, the English fielders became unhappy when Gavaskar (2) and Srikanth (2) the Indian opening pair, appealed for bad light, being upheld by the umpires two minutes before close.

The visitors resumed at the overnight score

of 49 for one and began pounding the Indian bowling. After the addition of 39 runs, Chris Tavaré was run out for 25 while trying to take a cheeky single.

Opener Graham Gooch missed the line of a flighted delivery by spinner Dilip Doshi and was clean bowled after a confident knock of 63 runs.

After lunch, England lost the prize wicket of hard-hitting all-rounder Ian Botham. The former English captain was caught at the long-on fence by Shival Yadav off Doshi while attempting a second six.

Meanwhile, the International Cricket Conference (ICC) representative Duggat, currently in Calcutta, has categorically denied reports that the ICC is actively considering forming a panel of international umpires.

Duggat said no such move was planned when he addressed a reception for the visiting English cricket team and Indian players Monday night. He said all the problems facing modern-day cricket would be discussed at the next conference in London in July.

## Score-board

ENGLAND (1ST INNINGS): 234	
INDIA (1ST INNINGS): 106	
ENGLAND (2ND INNINGS):	
G. Gooch b Doshi	63
G. Boycott b Madanlal	6
C. Tavaré run out	25
D. Gower run out	74
I. Botham b Yadav b Doshi	31
K. Fletcher not out	60
M. Gatting not out	4
Extras	2
Total (for 5 wickets, ded.)	265
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-88, 3-107, 4-154, 5-259	
BOWLING: Dev 31-3-81-0, Madanlal 19-3-58-1, Doshi 27-5-63-2, Shastri 17-4-35-0, Yadav 3-0-11-0, Paul 3-0-13-0	
INDIA (2ND INNINGS):	
S. Gavaskar batting	
K. Srikanth batting	
Extras	2
Total (for no wicket)	49
BOWLING: Willis 3-0-4-0, Botham 2-4-2-0-0	

## BRIEFS

NEW YORK (AFP) — Davis Cup holders, the United States are to meet India in the first round of the 1982 Davis Cup it was announced here Monday by the American Tennis Federation. The match from March 5-7 will take place in Carlsbad, California.

NAIROBI (AFP) — A French language professor here has just set a record by climbing Africa's second highest mountain, Mount Kenya — on a bicycle. Christophe Belliard, 23, made his two-wheeled ascent of one of the mountain's two summits, Lenana Point at 4,985 meters (16,355 feet) in three stages on a 15-speed Peugeot. But Belliard, French professor at the Kenya Institute of Administration, spent most of the final stage either carrying or pushing his bike because of deep snow.

FRANCE (AFP) — Serge Dhont, amateur cyclo-cross champion of Flanders, won the European Grand Prix Championship here Sunday. He led the race from beginning to end on the 2.3 km circuit and met little competition from professionals. Only Britain's Paul Watson was able to keep up with Dhont but fell away at the half-way stage, though he held onto second place.

LONDON (AFP) — Australians Peter McNamara and Paul McNamee will have to face up to a threat of big servers when they start the defense of their World Championship Tennis Doubles title at the Birmingham Exhibition Center on Tuesday. The eight teams who have won their way into the finals have been split into two round-robin-groups of four, with the top two partnerships from each group qualifying for the semifinals.

PARIS (AFP) — Despite his victory in the Australian Championships, South African tennis player Johan Kriek is not one of the

eight players who will compete in the Grand Prix Masters Tournament in Madison Square Gardens, New York, from January 11 to 17. SAO PAULO, Brazil (R) — Joao Carlos de Oliveira, Brazil's world triple jump record-holder, may not be able to compete again following his serious car accident two weeks ago, one of his doctors said Tuesday. "It all depends on how the break mends, but the muscles always weaken when the fracture is as bad as this one," he said.

JAKARTA (AFP) — Indonesia's badminton players are to benefit from some unusual training in preparation for this year's major events — from a psychologist. Team bosses hope to use psychology to help players adopt the tough mental approach needed to win the important international competitions.

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## As Aussies face uphill task

# Bruce Yardley at dazzling best

SYDNEY, Jan. 5. (AP) — The spinning magic of Bruce Yardley has given Australia an outside chance of winning the second Test against the West Indians at the Sydney Cricket ground on the last day on Wednesday.

Yardley spun out the West Indians in their second innings on Tuesday for 255, taking seven wickets for 98 runs in 31.4 overs, six of which were maidens. But the target of 373, whittled back by the Australians at the close with a score of 54 without loss, is still a formidable one for what was a brittle batting lineup in Australia's first innings.

And the West Indians still have a trump card the slow over rate of their fast attack which could limit any effort to look for runs on Wednesday.

Australian captain Greg Chappell said on Tuesday night: "We aim to bat all day but the first consideration is safety. 'We don't want to be beaten now.'"

When the Australians left the field at 5.47 p.m., the second time they have done so on a bad light decision, John Dyson was batting on 32 and Bruce Laird was batting on 20.

Regular opener Graeme Wood is nursing a badly jarred left hand, but while fielding on the first day in covers. He was X-rayed on Sunday night but no fracture was revealed, although bad bruising has occurred in the middle joint area of the left hand, resulting in great discomfort. But Chappell said Wood will bat at No. 6 if he is required.

Bruce Yardley is enjoying a golden summer and has now taken 33 wickets in five Tests. His effort on Tuesday was even more meritorious when he revealed that he had been ill with a 'flu virus'.

Yardley has been the hero of the Test. His aggressive 45 in 58 minutes from 33 balls including seven boundaries in the first innings

was followed by a catch described by Chappell as brilliant when he caught Gordon Greenidge off Lillee in gully on Monday and then his stunning performance on Tuesday. This is the fifth highest target set by the West Indians for Australia in the fourth

Score-board	
West Indies (1st Innings)	384
Australia (1st Innings)	267
West Indies (2nd Innings)	
G. Greenidge c Yardley b Lillee	8
D. Haynes lbw Lillee	51
V. Richards c Border b Alderman	22
L. Gomes c Border b Yardley	43
C. Lloyd c Hughes b Yardley	37
J. Dujon c and b Yardley	48
D. Murray c Laird b Yardley	1
M. Holding c Dyson b Yardley	5
S. Clarke c Dyson b Yardley	5
C. Croft not out	0
J. Garner b Yardley	0
Extras	11
Total	255
Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-52, 3-112, 4-179, 5-208, 6-225, 7-231, 8-246, 9-255.	
Bowling: Lillee 20-6-50-2; Alderman 12-2-46-1; Yardley 31-4-98-7; Thomson 15-3-50-0.	
Australia (2nd Innings)	
B. Laird batting	20
J. Dyson batting	32
Extras	2
Total (for no wkt)	54
Bowling: Holding 5-1-7-0; Clarke 7-4-7-0; Croft 6-1-15-0; Garner 4-1-10-0; Richards 4-1-7-0; Gomes 4-2-6-0.	

innings between the two countries. The highest was 573 in the Adelaide Test on the 1979-80 tour.

And history could repeat itself in the Test here in Sydney if the events of Georgetown,

Barbados in the 1977-78 tour are repeated. There Bobby Simpson's lineup were set 361 to win in the fourth innings by the West Indians in the third Test.

Australia won that encounter by three wickets, reaching the target with centuries from Graeme Wood and Craig Serjeant.

But it was Bruce Yardley who hit the winning run for the victory at Georgetown. Called "Roo" by his teammates, Yardley has now earned another title. He is now called "Mega-roo" after the efforts of this match.

The West Indians resumed on Tuesday morning at 9.30 for two with Haynes on 37 and Gomes on 30, an overall lead of 210. Haynes fell lbw to Lillee for 51 and Gomes was caught by Border in covers off Yardley for 43.

Top scorer Clive Lloyd was instrumental in seeing the score go from 179 for four to 208 for four before he was snappd up by Hughes off Yardley for 57.

The consistent Jeff Dujon with scores of 41, 43, 44 and 48 in his last four knocks was caught and bowled by Yardley after 112 minutes at the crease. The balance of the West Indian batting was shattered by the rampaging Yardley.

John Dyson took two brilliant catches in the outfield in front of the bill score-board in the dismissals of Michael Holding and Sylvester Clarke. Dyson flew high in Australian rules style to take the second catch which dismissed Clarke, crashing to the ground and rolling over but still managing to hold the ball above his head.

Yardley ran from halfway up the wicket right out to the fence to embrace him and thump his back in congratulations.



John Fitzgerald ... tumbles at first hurdle.

## Injured Majid dropped for one-day match

STAWELL, Australia, Jan. 5. (AP) — Top batsman Majid Khan is certain to miss at least one of Pakistan's four one-day internationals in the next ten days, team manager Ijaz Butt said Tuesday.

Majid, 35, injured his back in Perth during the one-day international against the West Indies on December 19. Butt said the experienced right-hander and occasional spin bowler would miss Saturday's match against Australia in Melbourne. But he still had a chance of being fit for the matches against the West Indies in Sydney Tuesday, against Australia in Sydney Thursday week and against the West Indies in Brisbane on Saturday week.

"Majid is still not fit — he will certainly not play in Melbourne," Butt said. "He is doing gradual exercises the doctor has given him and we hope they will get him fit." Butt added, "The tourists play a Victorian country cricket league XI at Stawell, in Western Victoria Wednesday in their final build-up to the run of one-day clashes."

Butt said the tourists were not concerned over the result of the match at Stawell's Central Park. "We will just be having some match practice before the one-days," Butt said. Central Park is known in Victoria as the venue of Australia's best-known professional footrace. The Victorian 400 meters Professional Country Championship will be run at the Park during the lunch break in Wednesday's match. Pakistan named a strong team for the game. Most of the Test squad, except skipper Javed Miandad and Pakistani Test bowler Imran Khan, have been named in the team.

The controversial MCG wicket is expected to be even hit with little life for Saturday's match. Ground staff have been working throughout the week on the strip, which may see only one-day matches for the rest of this season before it is dug up in stages and replaced before next season.

The Victoria — South Australia Sheffield Shield match later this month has been shifted to Geelong, although Victoria's two other home shield matches, against NSW and Queensland, are still scheduled for the MCG.

## Singapore drops point

DACCA, Jan. 5. (R) — Singapore and local club Mohammedan Sporting drew 2-2 Monday in the round Robin league of the Aga Khan Gold Cup Football Tournament at the Dacca Stadium.

## Fitzgerald makes early exit Unconsidered Andrews knocks out Chris Lewis

ADELAIDE, Dec. 5. (AP) — Twenty-two-year-old Andy Andrews from North Carolina overcame the extremely hot conditions late on Tuesday to defeat third-seeded Chris Lewis of New Zealand in the \$75,000 Begri South Australian Men's Open at Memorial Drive.

Andrews' victory completed a fairytale for four players who had to play three qualifying matches over the weekend to step out on Monday and play in the first round.

Earlier Monday, two seeds made their exit. Fifth-seeded John Fitzgerald of Australia went down 2-6, 7-6, 5-7 to American Lloyd Bourne while Tim Wilksion was beaten by South Australian John James.

Andrews said after the match: "The other three players who qualified and won their first round matches Monday put a lot of pressure on me. They said they wouldn't talk to me again if I didn't win Tuesday."

Lewis, the third seed in the South Australian Open, was the only seeded player to lose on Tuesday after three others, Steve Krulvitz (7th), Rod Frawley (8th) and Mark Edmondson (1st) all had straight sets victories earlier in the day.

Andrews used a ton of aggression to down Lewis 6-4, 7-6, winning the tie-breaker 7-5 with some breath-taking backhand passing shots. Andrews turned professional only in June last year after completing a degree in

business management and has been playing on grass only since he arrived in Australia in October.

"I had never hit a ball on a grass court till I hit Sydney," he said. Andrews described the win over Lewis as his best ever result, though he believes he played just as well in the first round of the U.S. Open last year when he pushed Frenchman Yannick Noah to five sets.

Lewis was visibly upset after losing but would not comment on the defeat. It is believed he was upset by crowd noise coming from outside boxes.

English left-hander Richard Lewis earlier defeated Davis Cup teammate Jonathon Smith in a marathon 2-1/2 hour match, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6. Lewis has seen his ATP ranking tumble from 354 in August to 103 at present after victories over Victor Amaya, Adriano Panatta and Ilic Nastase in the past few months.

The tall Londoner was in Nigeria only two weeks ago and wasn't particularly troubled by the very hot conditions at Memorial Drive. Lewis' second round opponent, Steve Krulvitz, beat him convincingly on clay in May last year but Lewis will be a much tougher proposition on grass with his strong serve.

American Chris Dunk defeated Western Australian Chris Johnstone in a tough three-setter 3-6, 7-6, 6-4.

## Bettina Bunge advances

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (AP) — Sixth-seeded Bettina Bunge ousted Pam Teeguarden 6-4, 6-4 Monday night in the opening round of the \$200,000 Avon Tennis Championships of Washington. Bunge, 18, combined a devastating backhand with her opponent's inability to make good on her first serves to capture the match.

Bunge, No. 9 in the World Tennis Rankings, broke Teeguarden three times in the first set. In the second set, Bunge appeared in complete control, leading four games to one when Teeguarden broke through twice to eventually tie the set at four. Bunge returned to her earlier form, breaking Teeguarden and then holding her own service for the match.

In other action Monday evening, Leslie Allen overcame a midmatch slump to oust Kate Latham, 6-1, 1-6, 6-1. Earlier Monday, Joanne Russell defeated Betsy Nagelsen 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 and Pam Casale beat Great Britain's Jo Durie 6-3, 6-1.

Russell, who at 27 is one of the old guards on the women's tennis tour, was her own worst enemy as unforced errors and her own temper nearly cost her the match.

After dropping the first set, Russell rallied to break Nagelsen at 5-4 in the second set.

## Kupreichik concedes a draw

HASTINGS, Jan. 5. (AP) — Soviet grandmaster Viktor Kupreichik, though forced to concede a draw in his round-seven game, moved to a one-point lead Monday in the ICL-Hastings International Chess Congress.

British grandmaster Jonathan Speelman gave Kupreichik a tough fight, but with no prospect of a decision, a draw was agreed after 40 moves.

Meanwhile, British Open champion Paul Littlewood resigned his adjourned sixth-round game against Manuel Rivas of Seville, Spain, in 42 moves. He then adjourned his seventh round game against Vasily Smyslov, the Soviet grandmaster, with his extra

serving for the set, she double faulted twice and allowed Nagelsen to dodge five set points to tie the score at 5-5.

Regaining her composure, Russell broke her opponent again and then held serve to take the second set 7-5. In the third set and ahead three games to one, Russell was assessed a conduct point by the referee after she kicked a ball into the crowd in disgust with her own play. The point gave Nagelsen a service break.

The turning point in the final set came when Nagelsen failed to hold serve with games tied at four. Russell held serve for the match.

Casale had less trouble with Durie, who tried a number of delaying tactics in an effort to break her opponent's rhythm and concentration. Among Durie's complaints to the referee were objections over line calls, her opponent serving before she was ready to receive and "bumps" in the playing surface.

In other action Monday, Julie Harrington downed Peanut Louie 6-3, 6-4 and Beth Norton topped Zina Garrison 6-2, 6-1. The eight-day tournament, the first stop on the indoor winter tour, carries a first-place prize of \$40,000.

The results dropped Littlewood a further 1-2 point behind Kupreichik. He was already 1-3 point back on Sunday.

American Larry Christiansen won his first game in this tournament. Playing white against Hans Rhee, the Netherlands grandmaster, he forced Rhee to resign after 46 moves.

Another American, Soviet emigre Anatoly Lein, notched a first victory. Playing against the Wellington, New Zealand, international grandmaster Murray Chandler, Lein crowned a lively series of checks by forcing Chandler to concede in 35 moves.

## As Aftab cracks hurricane

# Karachi Gymkhana maintains winning run

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, Jan. 5 — The New Year did have a marked difference in Karachi Gymkhana's performance. They ushered in the New Year with its usual scintillating batting display, but with greater zest, to maintain their winning run in the UNENCO Marketing-Slazer's League Tournament conducted by the Eastern Province Cricket League Friday.

Karachi Gymkhana Cricket Club, making first use of the strip, piled up 307 for six wickets with its opponent, Al-Quraysh, mustering up only 106 in reply. Karachi Gymkhana's record 201-run verdict was also their ninth consecutive victory.

Al-Quraysh were treated to a leather hunt for the second successive week. After YFCC had thrashed its attack in the previous week's encounter, Karachi Gymkhana reduced it to a rubble. And the batsman who belted the Al-Quraysh's attack was Aftab. Aftab cracked a superb 145 and his innings was peppered by 14 boundaries and a mighty six.

Though Karachi Gymkhana's mammoth 307 for six wickets in its prescribed 30 overs revolved around Aftab's breezy innings, others also had a share in raising the tally. Aftab received valuable support from Arif Gul, who slammed a quick 73, and skipper Pervaiz Ahmed, whose contribution was 32.

Al-Quraysh were never in the fight as the task set for them proved too much. They were shot out for a paltry 106 in 21 overs with Javid Bukhari (five for 29) and Behzad (three for 34) doing most of the damage. Only Agha Nadeem (49) and Salim (23)

withstood the splendid bowling of these two bowlers, who kept a tidy line and length throughout.

Off the six scheduled matches on New Year's day, only four matches were gone through at Dammam, Al-Khobar and Dhahran respectively. And in the four matches, the match between Pepsi Cricket XI and Abahssain GCC took an interesting turn when nature took a hand in the proceedings.

The Pepsi Cricket XI-Abahssain match, played at Al-Khobar, began promisingly for Pepsi when they rattled up 201 runs for the loss of nine wickets in the allotted 30 overs. This surprising tally was made possible by some good batting by their batsmen. Farhat Wahidi led the Pepsi batsmen with an elegant 67 with Arif Qureshi (34) Pervaiz (28) and Shafiqat (20) pitching in. Mujeeb with three for 39 and Pervaiz Khan with two for 21 were the most successful Abahssain bowlers.

Abahssain picked up the challenge and kept up a good rate in their chase. Shafiqat and Pervaiz with four for 56 and two for 11 respectively, turned the tide in Pepsi's favor by causing the Abahssain's middle to cave in. Pepsi were on the threshold of snatching a win with only a wicket standing between them and victory. At this stage Abahssain were 178 for nine. Pepsi had four overs to snap up Abahssain's last resistance and when nature struck a cruel blow. Play was abandoned at this stage due to bad light and when the run-rate was evaluated Pepsi found that they were behind its rivals at the 26 over mark. And according to the tournament rules Abahssain were adjudged winners.

Meanwhile, in another clash at Al-Khobar,

the home team registered their first win in the tournament. Al-Khobar's 49 runs victory over Saulex was mainly due to their fine effort in restricting the Saulex Cricket Club to 169 for seven wickets. Salim Haider tried to rally Saulex with a brilliant 91, but his exit saw Saulex's fate falling.

In the all-UPM match at Dhahran, UPM SSF recorded a 178-run victory over UPM 1. Set a target of 205 by UPM SSF, the sister team failed miserably, chalking up only 127.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Karachi Gymkhana Cricket Club 307 for 6 wickets in 30 overs (Aftab 145, Arif Gul 73, Pervaiz Ahmed 32, Nadeem 2 for 71) Beat Al-Quraysh CC 106 in 21 overs (Agha Nadeem 49, Salim 23, Javid Bukhari 5 for 29, Behzad 3 for 34).

UPM SSF Cricket XI 205 for 9 wickets in 30 overs (Vaseem 48, Aftab 45, Naveed 28, Hamid 23, Charman 4 for 41; Aslam Khan 3 for 40, Liaquat 2 for 44) beat UPM 1 127 in 23 overs (Charman 31, Rashid Khan 37, S.M. Syed 22, Dilawar 3 for 29, Hamid 5 for 19).

Al-Khobar Cricket XI 218 for 9 wickets in 30 overs (Arshad 40, Shahid 39, Waqar 38, S. Kuly 30, Mir 2 for 44, Shahid 2 for 32, Muzammil 2 for 37) beat Saulex Cricket Club 169 for 7 wickets in 30 overs (Salim Haider 91, Latif Ali 34, Shahid Hussain 20; Tariq 2 for 33, Naeemuddin 2 for 34).

Pepsi Cricket XI 201 for 9 wickets in 30 overs (Farhat Wahidi 67, Arif Qureshi 34, Pervaiz 28, Shafiqat 20, Mujeeb 3 for 39, Pervaiz 2 for 21) lost to Abahssain GCC (on technical ground) 178 for 9 wickets in 26 overs (Ahmed Warris 39, Zahir 28 n.o., Bedar Bakht 27, Shahbaz 25, Pervaiz Khan 22, Shafiqat 4 for 56, Pervaiz 2 for 11).

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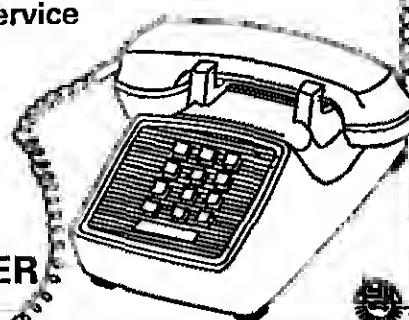
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## South Africa to try 45 plane hijackers

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 5, (R) — Charges under South Africa's anti-hijacking laws are being brought against 45 men who flew to Durban in an Air-India Boeing 707 airliner last November after an abortive coup in the Seychelles, it was announced Tuesday.

## Seychelles remands 7 in custody

VICTORIA, Jan. 5 (AFP) — The seven persons captured after the Nov. 25 attack on Mahe International Airport in the Seychelles appeared Tuesday for the first time in the Supreme Court here and were remanded in custody until Jan. 19 on charges of illegally importing arms of war.

State Attorney Pessy Pardiwalla told Chief Justice Earl Seaton in the heavily guarded court that more charges may be laid against the captured mercenaries as investigations continued into their involvement in the Nov. 25 attack.

The six men and a woman have been detained until Tuesday under the emergency security powers. The charges laid carry mandatory sentences of 20 years.

Six members of the group — Bernard Carey, 39, of Britain, Roger England, 27, of Zimbabwe, Frank Brooks, 38, of Zimbabwe, Martin Dolincheck, 42, Robert Sims, 50, and Susan Ingles, 48, all of South Africa — allegedly formed part of the advance party. They arrived in the Seychelles before a group of 45 commandos were deployed on Nov. 25 as part of an unsuccessful bid to overthrow the government.

The seventh, Jeremiah Puren, 57, also of South Africa, was left behind when the mercenaries hijacked the plane following the botched attack.

Sims and his girlfriend, Mrs. Ingles, had rented a villa at La Misere which allegedly served as the base of operations in preparation for the arrival of the commando group.

In court Tuesday, the six men, who occasionally smiled, were barefoot, with their hands handcuffed behind their backs. Mrs. Ingles was not handcuffed and was wearing sandals and a blue dress.

## Indians discuss no-war pact

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (AFP) — India's Ambassador to Pakistan Natwar Singh, who returned here Saturday, has had separate meetings with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao regarding a no-war pact with Pakistan.

Singh also had detailed consultations with Foreign Secretary R.D. Sathe and other senior officials in the ministry on the proposed visit of the Pakistan foreign minister, Agha Shahi, which is expected to take place between Jan. 29 and 31, official sources said here Tuesday.

The ambassador, who is returning to Islamabad Wednesday, is believed to have given his assessment of Pakistan's response on India's willingness to sign a no-war pact with it on the basis of principles which are essential elements of the Simla agreement signed in 1972 by Mrs. Gandhi and the late Pakistan Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

India's willingness, conveyed to Islamabad through an aide memoire delivered by Singh on Dec. 24, is on condition that Pakistan accept the seven principles contained in the document. One of the major suggestions to Pakistan was that it resort to the principle of bilateralism in resolving all issues as provided for in the Simla agreement.

India has also reportedly suggested steps which would, in effect mean that Pakistan puts a brake on the arms race and does not

He said they would be remanded to a further hearing in Durban on Jan. 18, which would set a date for trial in the Natal Supreme Court either in Pietermaritzburg, the provincial capital, or Durban.

In Pretoria, police said 40 of the men had been rounded and were presented at five South African courts. The remaining five accused had still to be tracked down. Police also said there would be no separate trial for the five alleged ringleaders, including veteran Irish-born mercenary Col. "Mad Mike" Hoare, 62, who were charged in Pretoria on Dec. 2 with kidnapping and remanded on bail.

Later in Pretoria, five men were remanded until Jan. 18 to appear in Durban on hijacking charges and granted bail of 1,000 rand each.

Of the 44 men originally detained in Durban on Nov. 26 after the Air-India plane landed on the Seychelles, 39 were freed without charge, and there was a storm of protest both at home and abroad.

Rees announced Tuesday he proposed to prosecute all the accused on four counts under the Civil Aviation Act of 1972, which gave effect to conventions covering offenses on board aircraft, unlawful seizure of aircraft and unlawful acts against civil aviation.

He did not explain the discrepancy between the original figure of 44 and the 45 he said would be prosecuted. But correspondents recalled that a wounded man was admitted to a Durban hospital after the plane landed on Nov. 26. Several other alleged mercenaries were captured in the Seychelles, where they are awaiting trial.

Rees said three of the four counts carried maximum sentences on conviction of 30 years' imprisonment, which meant the accused faced a 90-year sentence. He declined to say whether witnesses would be called from the Seychelles or from Air-India.

Among the men who returned to South Africa after the failed attempt to overthrow the Seychelles government were 24 South Africans, 11 British and six Zimbabweans. The five who appeared in Pretoria magistrates court on Dec. 2 were Col. Hoare, who has an Irish passport, Durban photographer Peter Duffy (British), Kenneth Dalgleish (British), Charles Goadley (Zimbabwean) and television screen actor Tullio Monetta, a naturalized South African of Italian origin.

During the uproar over the Seychelles incident, government leaders including Prime Minister P.W. Botha denied any South African involvement and said international responsibilities would be respected. Defense Minister Gen. Magnus Malan ordered an inquiry into the possible involvement of defense force members in the affair.

Natal Attorney General Rees was put in charge of the case after leading opposition and pro-government newspapers had joined in a call for all those involved to be brought to trial.

raise bilateral issues at international forums. The aide memoire was carried to Islamabad by Singh, who also carried with him Rao's invitation to Shabi.

The Indian communication and Pakistan's response to it is now being discussed at a meeting of 40 Pakistan envoys which was opened by President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq on Sunday.

Pakistan ambassador here Abdul Sattar, who is also attending the meeting, is expected to return to Delhi next week. He is likely to bring his government's reply to the Indian communication and the dates of Shabi's visit to New Delhi.

In other developments, Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao will visit Sri Lanka in the third week of this month and later tour Vietnam, officials reported Tuesday.

Rao will be the seniormost Indian official to visit Hanoi since Mrs. Gandhi returned to power in January, 1980. Officials said Rao planned to tour Vietnam in the first week of February.

The Indian minister would discuss the situation in Southeast Asia with Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Van Dong, who visited India last year.

Rao's Sri Lanka and Vietnam tour schedules are still being finalized, the officials said. Indian President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy is scheduled to visit Sri Lanka starting Feb. 3.

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## Government under attack for jailbreak

## Italy mounts massive hunt for Dozier

VERONA, Italy, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — Italian paramilitary police mounted another big operation Tuesday in the hunt for U.S. Brig. Gen. James Dozier, kidnapped by Red Brigades guerrillas almost three weeks ago.

Security sources said hundreds of heavily armed police combed industrial estates and disused farm buildings on the outskirts of Verona, as well as apartments, cellars and garages in the city center. Other units searched hilltop villages in the area and warehouses, boatyards and fishing and pleasure boats at nearby Lake Garda.

Investigators believe Gen. Dozier, the senior U.S. officer at Verona's NATO base, is being held in a Red Brigades "people's prison" in the vicinity. He was abducted from

his apartment in the city on Dec. 17. In Rome, police sources said they believed that two men arrested in the capital Monday night were members of the Red Brigades.

The two suspects were stopped in a car, in which police found several rifles, a hand grenade, ammunition, iron chains and drugs. Victims of Red Brigades kidnappings are usually chained and drugged. The men, who were carrying false passports, declared themselves political prisoners, the standard defense of Italian urban guerrillas when arrested.

Their identity was not disclosed. But police sources said they were members of the Red Brigades' Rome column which distributed propaganda leaflets last week about Gen.

Dozier's kidnapping. Verona police chief Pasquale Zappone disclosed Tuesday that the Red Brigades had tried to kidnap a U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. in Vicenza, 55 kms east of here, the day before they seized Gen. Dozier.

Meanwhile, Premier Giovanni Spadolini's government came under sharp attack in Parliament Monday for the dramatic prison break of four women jailed as suspected terrorists.

Politicians and newspapers reacted with incredulity that the escape took place in an area under massive security surveillance as part of the police search for kidnapped Gen. Dozier.

The four women escaped Sunday after accomplices blasted a hole in the concrete wall of the prison in Rovigo south of Venice, tossed their submachine guns and kept sentries at bay with automatic weapons fire. A passer-by was killed and six others were wounded by the blast.

Police were investigating the possibility that the escape was an attempt by the Red Brigades to divert police forces from probing the Dec. 17 kidnapping of Dozier in Verona. Police erected new roadblocks around Rovigo and combed nearby areas in northern Italy for the escaped women and their accomplices, who numbered at least four, who fled in two waiting cars.

Legislators of the Socialist Party, a partner in Spadolini's five-party coalition, pressed Justice Minister Clelio Darida and Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni, both Christian Democrats, to explain what measures had been in effect to prevent such an escape.

The two ministers were also asked to submit a written progress report on the Dozier investigation. Alfredo Biondi, deputy leader of the Liberal Party, another coalition partner, called for "concrete and more systematic" measures to deal with urban terrorism and for a thorough inspection of the nation's prison facilities.

Deputy Justice Minister Gaetano Scamario said 90 percent of Italy's prisons are vulnerable to a "similar determined attack by the terrorists."

A government report released Monday said, at the end of November 1981, more than 1,100 persons belonging to terrorist or subversive organizations were being held in Italian jails.

Among them were 364 suspected Red Brigades terrorists, 239 Front Line members, 154 right-wing revolutionary armed nucleus elements and 122 extreme left autonomous workers followers.

In the Rovigo Prison, detectives interrogated inmates and examined the hole, blasted with explosives packed in a car that was parked alongside the wall.

Among the four women, all suspected members of the Red Brigades or the Front Line leftist gangs, was Susanna Ronconi, 28, who faced trial on charges of taking part in a 1978 attack on a Florence prison in which a prison guard was killed.

## Deng doubts success of Geneva arms talks

BELGRADE, Jan. 5 (AFP) — China's de facto leader Deng Xiaoping, accusing both the United States and the Soviet Union of hegemony, said he doubted the Soviet-U.S. arms talks in Geneva will succeed, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported Tuesday.

"I do not think anything good will come out of it," the vice chairman of China's Communist Party central committee told Tanjug during a recent interview in Peking. "The rivalry between them will not end, the two refuse to renounce hegemony," he said.

Commenting on Peking's relations with Washington and Moscow, Deng said China "will react energetically" if the United States decides to sell arms to Taipei.

## Has global links Australia busts drug racket

MELBOURNE, Australia Jan. 5 (AP) — An Australian police task force says it has smashed an international drug smuggling ring which makes the notorious "Mr. Asia Syndicate" look like amateurs.

Two men and two women were arrested Tuesday in raids on luxurious homes in Melbourne and are being questioned by police. The syndicate has been operating for four years, according to police, and allegedly brought about \$2.2 million in heroin into Australia on each of its regular trips from Southeast Asia.

Detectives claimed the heroin ring exposed by the police operation code named "Aries," was the most sophisticated uncovered in Australia. "It makes Terry Clarke's Mr. Asia Syndicate look like amateurs," one senior detective said.

Clarke was head of the Mr. Asia Syndicate which imported heroin valued at over \$96 million into Australia in two years. Members of the Mr. Asia gang including Clarke were sentenced in Britain last year to long sentences for drug smuggling and murder.

Police said Tuesday this syndicate was far more "professional and subtle" than the Clarke ring.

They said the group tried to control its

personnel without violence. They believe the heroin empire has links in Southeast Asia, Britain, Europe, New Zealand and the United States.

Detectives said one of the gang's couriers is considered by international law enforcement agencies to be one of the top 10 drug smugglers in the world. In Tuesday's raids the operational and administrative chiefs of the operation were arrested, according to police.

The Aries task force swung into operation after raids in Thailand last week. The Australian raids followed 11 months of painstaking undercover operations.

Police said they had made clandestine trips to Europe, Asia and the United States as they tracked down the syndicate and often used personal couriers to relay information to police in other countries rather than risk a leak by using conventional methods.

The task force was made up of police from the state of Victoria, Australian federal police and customs officers. It was headed by the Australian federal police assistant commissioner (crime), Roy Farmer, and the assistant commissioner of Victorian police, Haul Delianis.

## Ghana freezes assets of 84 more

ABIDJAN, Jan. 5 (R) — Ghana's military rulers have frozen the assets of a further 84 officials of ousted President Hilla Limann's government, bringing to more than 200 the number of prominent Ghanaians coming under the coup leaders' scrutiny.

Accra radio read out a list Monday night of those whose assets, along with those of their families and organizations they control, are liable to be investigated, like those of 129 officials already named.

The Provisional National Defense Council (PNDC) set up by Flight Lt. Jerry Rawlings, who seized power last Thursday, said Monday it had caught Limann and three bodyguards at Koforidua, a town 65 kms north of Accra.

The announcement of his arrest did not include any explanation of why he was there, saying only that the four men were being taken back to Accra. Accra radio, monitored here, has called on the public to give the police any information they have on officials of Limann's government and his now-banned People's National Party (PNP).

Accra radio also said banks could resume normal operations Tuesday after a closure Monday to carry out an unspecified operation.

Lt. Rawlings has sacked Limann and his cabinet, banned political parties, dissolved parliament and suspended the 1979 constitution which was promulgated after Jerry Rawlings led a coup in June that year, held elections and handed power to the victor, Limann.

His first coup had the same avowed aim as

his takeover five days ago: To fight corruption and bring the ordinary Ghanaian into the decision-making process. A correspondent for Reuters in Accra said demonstrators thronged the capital Monday in support of the 34-year-old air force officer, who enjoys popularity in Ghana.

Informed sources recalled the consternation of the Limann government last year when thousands flocked to listen to Rawlings give a speech on the anniversary of the June coup. The correspondent said the capital was calm and Rawlings now had total control after troops loyal to him had overcome some initial resistance.

Rawlings Tuesday stressed the democratic nature of the regime which he now heads. In a broadcast on Accra radio, Rawlings said his National Provisional Defense Council was "asking for local defense committees at all levels of national life, in the towns, in the villages, in the factories and offices."

Such committees would notably aid the Defense Council to root out corruption. Rawlings indicated it was a "democratic revolution" which assured the basic conditions of life and survival for the population. Rawlings said. He expressed his faith in young Ghanaians and called on students to help him in the task of national reconstruction, adding, "we must not fail and we cannot fail."

Rawlings disavowed "acts of barbarism and abuses of military forces against innocent citizens," in an apparent reference to reported looting and shooting by troops in the early stages of the coup.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

My yearly report on the cat we adopted as we came to London. You'll remember it, I hope, from last year's report: An aristocratic personage who has us by now thoroughly trained. You'll also remember that last year it had learnt to use the elevator all by itself, and that it had come of age so that we rarely saw it except when it came home for a quick feed and a short rest before it went out again on its cat's business.

Well this year's report contains some disappointments. Contrary to my expectations, the wretched animal has not yet written its first book or started on its first symphony. Cats, apparently, have other things to worry about than the state of their soul (and with nine of these apiece one can understand why they have no reason to worry.)

My work last year has been such that I had to divide my time between London and Washington. Which meant finding a house in the States and moving the family there — cat included. Indeed, it traveled in style with us in the airplane, conducting itself with such dignity in its specially designed wicker basket that it won the hostesses over completely. They fussed over it all flight long, leaving us begging in vain for some food and drink.

In America this thoroughly English cat resumed its questionable nocturnal habits. I tried to make it understand the dangers of life in America's cities, especially at night. But out it went each night, and wasn't mugged even once by the neighborhood's tough cats.

Then came the time for us to go back to Britain to spend some time there. We couldn't take it back with us as it would have had to spend something like six months in quarantine. We couldn't leave it alone in the house. So a solution had to be found.

We asked around and were told that we could leave it at a hotel for domestic pets! A hotel, mind you. Not a kennel or a place for cats. We found one and had to make an appointment to see the manager.

He told us that the rooms offer range from the 'presidential suite' to the humdrum 'single without a bath.' He gave us a menu of cat food to choose its diet. And was positively upset when I told him "no thanks, I don't think a daily bath and shampoo was necessary."

Finally, it came to writing down the cat's name in the register. "Barood," I said to the manager, and spelt it for him. "Family name?" he asked. That almost floored me. "Family name?" I protested, "it's just a cat."

But my little daughter was there and understood the situation perfectly. "Family name: Al Khazen, spelled..." So now it is officially one of us. A cat in the family tree.

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